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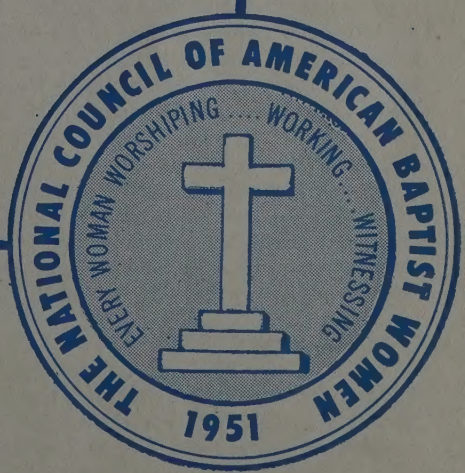

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## HOW IT BEGAN

"In 1843, a group of women met and formed 'The Ladies Charitable Society' of Pleasant Street Baptist Church. The first records available in 1866 give a portion of the Preamble, which reads, 'We do associate for the purpose of mutual acquaintance and diffuse among ourselves intelligent and benevolent feelings, also to render such assistance as we may be able for the spread of the Gospel and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in the Earth. Meetings are to be held every two weeks, on Thursday, commencing at two p.m. and closing at nine p.m., to be opened with Scripture and prayer.'"

These women were busy working for their church for we read, "Twenty-seven dollars was spent to furnish a room at Newton Theological Seminary, and the Ladies applied themselves to working on a bed quilt for the room. Three dollars and fifty cents were paid to teach one of our members to run the sewing machine and $21.09 was spent for 'Baptizing Dresses.'"

On December sixth, they met "to discuss the propriety of having a Christmas tree on Christmas Eve and it was decided to have one."

The need to provide for the poor was presented and we read, "We held an extra meeting and were busily employed preparing garments for some of those children whom our dear Saviour says we have always with us and, when we will, we can do them good."

## HOW IT GREW

"On February 29, 1872, twelve women met at Mrs. Deacon Goddard's home to form the Foreign Mission Society. In the first year the Society increased their membership to seventy-five. When Mrs. Bixby from 'The Rooms' in Boston came, fifty dollars was given to her for the heathen. When Mrs. Carpenter, who had been on the field ten years, gave a stirring address,

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## YOU AND THE PAST

While attending the Middlers Conference which is held each year at Green Lake, Wisconsin, for the second-year students attending our Baptist Seminaries, I had the opportunity of talking with a student who recently had taken his first pastorate. In telling about this church he indicated that its growth had been limited. The people had kept little or no record of the past; therefore, there was no historical information available with reference to former pastors, lay leadership, accomplishments, et cetera. This situation presented a real challenge to this young man who was eager to serve God and the people.

Perhaps one of the reasons the church had not grown is due to the lackadaisical way in which the membership carried on its business, kept its records, and manifested no concern for the work of the past upon which it could build in the present and plan for the future.

A Baptist layman, who believes that adequate records should be kept, has made it possible for us to conduct a historical contest. He became interested in the work accomplished by American Baptist women throughout the years and has offered three awards for papers on the following subject: "The Historical Development of Organized Woman's Work in My Church and My Prophecy of Its Future."

This subject was chosen in order to elicit and to perpetuate valuable information which now exists to a large degree only in the memories of Baptist folk. It was chosen to commemorate: the integration of the women's work with the general work in both the Home and Foreign Mission Societies; the great debt owed to the Ladies' Aid and Woman's Baptist Mission Societies; and the birth of the National Council of American Baptist Women.

For complete details, refer to the March, 1957, issue of *Baptist Leader, Missions,* and *Crusader.*

# To the Presidents

From: Frieda Roach (Mrs. Howard L. Roach)
*National President*
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: Plainfield, Iowa

*Greetings to my Co-workers:*

"In Action for Christ," the theme for the National Women's Conference for 1957, might be a good theme for us, as presidents, to remember throughout the whole year. May we recognize at all times the divine purpose in our tasks and keep uppermost in our minds, in all that we plan and seek to accomplish, the thought of serving Christ! May we strive to be sensitive to the feelings and the needs of those with whom we serve, and in all our dealings with our co-workers be sympathetic and understanding. Thus shall we reflect the love of Christ in our own hearts.

## LAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

During this year the program of Lay Development has been getting under way. Since we, as Baptists, have always stressed the importance of the lay person in our churches and since we believe in the priesthood of the believer, this is now our opportunity to support the program of Lay Development with our time, talent and strength.

Emphasis on Lay Development was prompted by the desire of lay people to be better informed and trained for the tasks which they are called upon to undertake in their churches and to activate potential leadership among our church members. In 1952, a conference was held at Green Lake where representatives of executive, pastoral, and lay leaders met to study this program and to report findings to a commission which was subsequently formed to work out the details of the program now in use in our churches. In Seattle, in June 1956, the Program of Lay Development, to which all American Baptist agencies are committed, was adopted, as presented by the Commission, as our major denominational emphasis for 1957-1958. The National Council of American Baptist Women endorsed the plan—as did the Baptist Men—and we are now undergirding the Program of Lay Development with all the means at our disposal. Each local woman has a responsibility toward this Lay Development Plan. More especially is it the responsibility of the president to encourage all who have special responsibility for the program, lending such assistance as she may when requested to do so. If your church thus far has not been participating, perhaps you can discuss the matter with your pastor and urge your church members even now to enter the program.

During the first year of the Lay Development program the following officers and chairmen in the Woman's Society will be especially interested in the workshops listed below:

- President: "A Pattern for a Baptist Church"
- Chairman of Spiritual Life: "The People and Their Pastor"
- Chairman of Program: "The Music Program of the Local Church"
- Chairman of Christian Social Relations: "Community Witness"
- Chairman of Publicity: "Communications"

Every member of the Woman's Society will be interested in: "Primer for Baptists."

This great program designed for lay people will be successful only as we, the lay people, give it our best support. Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge and Mr. John A. Dawson are co-chairmen. Dr. James Fidler, director of administration and leadership education, The Board of Education and Publication, is the executive director of the program.

## INACTIVE WOMEN

According to the report of *membership of women in our churches* and *active members in the Woman's Societies* for 1956-1957, there are less than one-half of the women in our churches active in our Woman's Societies. This indicates that there is need of special effort in our societies to enlist these women in the program of women's work, to the mutual advantage of the women and the cause of Christ whom we serve through the World Mission of our denomination. Responsibility for enlisting the inactive woman has now been assigned to the First Vice-President. Mrs. Frank R. Carroll, First Vice-President of the National Council of American Baptist Women, gives help to her counterparts in this area of our work on pages 5 and 6 of this issue of The American Baptist Woman. Read Mrs. Carroll's plan for action and give as much impetus to her plan as possible, remembering that it is the responsibility of the First Vice-President.

What a tremendous impact American Baptist women could make on Kingdom building if every woman in our American Baptist churches could be challenged to give of her time, talent and energy to the World Mission of the church through our Women's program.

## ONE SOCIETY IN EACH CHURCH

In the 4,092 churches in the American Baptist Convention—which reported women's work in 1956-1957—there are 4,581 organized Woman's Societies. This means that in some churches there are more than one organized woman's group. This is a situation which is giving cause for concern to leaders, for in some cases—at least—the groups are competing for the loyalty and stewardship of the women in the churches involved.

"Have you been wishing you could somehow coordinate the women's organizations in your church into one group?" asks one of our fine, state presidents in introducing an article in a recent issue of her state bulletin. A success story of how one church solved the problem follows:

The church was small and the active women were divided into three separate organizations. New women were invited into all three, but were confused by their invitations and, therefore, seldom joined any group. Other women were members of all three societies and carried heavy burdens of responsibility. The smallest group was once a Sunday school class which gradually developed into an evening group, meeting chiefly for social fellowship. The Missionary Society was a small band of devoted women in an organization thirty-five years old. The Auxiliary was the oldest group. It had attracted the largest membership and had contributed much time and money to caring for the physical needs of the church.

Last February the pastor's wife talked with a few of the women about the situation and suggested that they investigate the Circle Plan to solve the problem. A committee, representing all three organizations, met several times and it was decided to invite all women to an evening session, when the plan proposed by the committee might be explained. An active state leader in women's work for many years presented the new organizational plan. There was a musical program and refreshments were served.

Then followed further discussion in the separate organizations of the plan to dissolve the three groups and reorganize as one society. Prayer and time removed the opposition to the new plan and in a few months a joint planning committee was formed. A nominating committee was appointed and by the end of the year new officers had been elected and a constitution had been drawn up after the pattern of the state and national constitutions, creating channels in the society, through which the members might carry on more effectively the program of American Baptist mission work.

After the new organization was formed, interest was so pronounced it soon became evident that there were enough women to form five circles instead of the three originally planned. It was decided to use the dates of the former organizations for circle meetings and the dates formerly used by the largest group for the monthly Women's Society meeting.

By prayer, perseverance and faith, this success story could be repeated in many of our churches. When we come to one society—and one society only—in each church, we shall have also solved many of the problems of reporting.

If you have more than one group functioning as a woman's society in your church will you add this goal —one Woman's Society in our church—to your goals this year and work toward that end? Association presidents stand ready to help whenever they are asked.

## NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION

American Baptist women are a part of the Baptist World Alliance through the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance: that means, we are a part of the great company of Baptist women around the world! We are organized in six Continental Unions, one of which is the North American Baptist Women's Union which was organized in 1951. In 1953 the first Continental Assembly was held in Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ontario, was elected chairman. At the Jubilee Congress of the World Alliance in London in 1955, Mrs. Maurice Hodge, the first president of the National Council of American Baptist Women, was chosen chairman of the North American Baptist Women's Union. Now we are looking forward to the Second Continental Assembly to be held in Toronto, Canada, November 5, 6, and 7, 1957.

It is hoped that states and associations will send delegates to this inspirational meeting and that many women from American Baptist churches will find it possible to attend. The outstanding program features such leaders as Mrs. J. T. Ayorinde of Nigeria, Miss Margaret Applegarth of New York, Mrs. George Martin of Virginia, and Mrs. Edgar Bates of Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Frijohl Iversen of Norway, secretary-treasurer of the European Union, and Mrs. Ayako Hino of Japan, will be guests. There are to be simultaneous conferences on Missions, Christian Social Relations, Spiritual Life, Program, and Leadership Training, led by specialists in these fields.

The registration fee is two dollars. Send your registration fee—between now and October 10, 1957—to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Baylor Student Union, Waco, Texas. Advance registrations close on October 10. After that date registration will be made upon arrival at the Yorkminister Baptist Church, Yonge Street, Toronto.

Hotel reservations may be made at the King Edward Sheraton Hotel or at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

## BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

The service for Baptist Day of Prayer, December 6, 1957, has been prepared by a committee of the European Baptist Women's Union, on the theme, "Now is the Time—Now is the Day." It is suggested that the offering taken on Baptist Day of Prayer for participation by American Baptist women in the work of the North American Baptist Women's Union be made payable to the National Council of American Baptist Women and sent to the Council's office: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

## WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

November 1, 1957 is the date. The theme: "Bread, Freedom and Dignity." The text: Isaiah 65:21.

# To the First Vice-Presidents

From: Letitia Carroll (Mrs. Frank R. Carroll)
*National First Vice-President*
*Division of First Vice-President*
National Council of American Baptist Women
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*Greetings, Co-workers!*

**FOR US, A NEW GOAL**

At the meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women, held in Philadelphia, May, 1957, a careful study was made of the duties which are the responsibility of the office of each vice-president. Special attention was drawn to weak spots in our Woman's Baptist Mission Society and the responsibility for the strengthening of which, it was thought, could be assumed by local, association, state and national vice-presidents.

If the contribution made by our women's societies to the World Mission of our denomination is to become more effective, it is imperative that we engage in the various phases of our work many women who, at present, are inactive.[1] So far we have touched only the surface of this serious problem. As a matter of fact, we have never planned a specific program or campaign for reaching and interesting the inactive women who are members of our churches.

Much interest in the Woman's Society, we believe, can be awakened through good programs, inspiring and interesting literature and attractive house parties. Since these areas of our over-all program are assigned to the Division of First Vice-President, it is felt that the responsibility of reaching our inactive women should become the responsibility of the First Vice-President, whether she be in national, state, association or local office.

"What can a *state* or *association* First Vice-President do about inactive women?" *you* ask. "Are all the associations in your state interested in, and attending the state meetings, the house party, the annual meeting, the conferences on Leadership Training?" *I* ask. State and association leaders should make every effort to have these meetings as interesting, attractive and challenging as possible to the women in the inactive associations. Local leaders should also make every effort to interest inactive women in the churches.

When we check the attendance at house parties, why do we find many women from certain associations attending, and few from others? State and association First Vice-Presidents should seek, through special contacts and regular channels, to make the women in these inactive associations aware of the opportunities provided for them in all state meetings.

At an association meeting of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, a discouraged chairman reported: "We held a service on Baptist Day of Prayer, but less than one-half of our churches were represented: in fact, only the societies whose women usually come were there." Does not such a report present a challenge to *all* association First Vice-Presidents? It is the association First Vice-President who holds the key to increasing attendance. In some localities it is possible for her to meet the women personally, or in their society gatherings, and to invite them to attend. Where this is not possible, friendly letters including advance information could be sent. The First Vice-President has advance program information since she works with the chairman of Program who is in her division. No association meeting has reached its potential until every society is represented. No society should miss the opportunity for inspiration, training, and the fellowship provided through such meetings.

In *Missions*, February, 1957, we considered this subject of "Reaching Inactive Women in our Baptist Churches." The following points were stressed:

1. Well planned programs.

2. Adequate preparation to insure an effective presentation.

3. Publicity which will attract attention and create a desire to attend.

We must do even more. We must welcome our inactive guest so warmly and give her a sense of being so greatly *needed* that she will want to become active. This will not be accomplished in one meeting. A "big push" will not bring the desired results. It will get the plans off to a good start. But only persistent concentration upon all of these points will achieve the desired end.

And now the 1, 2, 3's of this new plan:

1. **State** First Vice-Presidents are responsible to reactivate inactive associations in state meetings.

2. **Association** First Vice-Presidents are responsible to reactivate the inactive societies in association meetings.

3. **Local** First Vice-Presidents are responsible to reactivate inactive local women in the program of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

[1] In contrast to the *active* woman who, to the best of her ability, is participating in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society program, the *inactive* woman is one who is in *no way* participating in the Woman's Society.

If each First Vice-President in each local, association and state society will accept the challenge of this new opportunity for service, we shall see in the annual report for 1958 that the number of inactive women has been greatly reduced.

## PLAN OF ACTION FOR FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

**Local Societies:**

1. List the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the following women whom we wish to reach:

a. New church members.
b. Members who are not informed about our work.
c. Members who are disinterested or indifferent.
d. Members who have not found their place in the church.
e. Members whose first interest is not church-centered.
f. Young married women.

2. Appoint a committee to reach inactive women. This committee should be comprised of three groups of women who, together with the First Vice-President, as chairman, are willing to undertake the work of interesting inactive women. One group will be responsible for calling; another for transportation; and the third for the special meeting. If you have anticipated this need of reaching inactive women and have appointed a membership chairman, we suggest that she be added to the committee.

3. Call a meeting of the committee: the three groups of workers.

a. Explain why we should reach these women: The Woman's Society provides opportunities that may interest them; the Woman's Society needs them and their help; they, as we all, owe a stewardship of time, energy and talent to the church; and we all need the fellowship of one another, that more Baptist women shall be united in working for the mission of the church.

4. Plan for calling in homes, by the calling group.

a. Divide the number of calls to be made among the members of the calling group.
b. Determine upon a deadline when calls shall be completed.
c. Make appointment by telephone before calling.
d. Request transportation for calling from transportation group, if a car is needed.

5. Discuss the visit, with the calling group.

a. Include in the conversation the interests of the woman upon whom you are calling.
b. Explain the Woman's Baptist Mission Society's mission.
c. Present the program book of the Society, pointing out dates and programs of interest.
d. Offer transportation to meetings.

6. Follow up on visit, by the "calling group."

a. Report needs for transportation to the transportation group.
b. Plan transportation.
c. Arrange by telephone to take women to meeting.

7. Make plans with the special-meeting group.

a. Plan for a meeting—regular or special—to which these inactive women should be invited. *That special meeting* should provide an especially captivating program, a sincerely warm welcome, fellowship, and a special luncheon, simple or elaborate but attractive. If this special meeting is to be held on the Society's regular meeting date, the special-meeting group works with the Society's chairman of Program.
b. Introduce each new woman, during the special meeting to the chairman and members of one of the circles. Circles should assume a good share of developing her further interests.

8. Keep this program active all year by your own enthusiasm. Add variety to your approach by inviting small groups into your homes, informally, for coffee at nine, brunch at eleven or dessert at one.

a. Make plans for follow-up of original call.
b. Follow-up absences.
c. Keep in touch.

9. Suggest that the Business and Professional Women's Circle conduct their own program for reaching the employed women not active in church work, and drawing them into their fellowship. Parts of the preceding plan are adaptable to Business and Professional Women's Circles.

## TAKE THE MEETING, PLEASE!

The First Vice-President may be requested at any time to take the chair for the President, as any number of First Vice-Presidents well know. Therefore, we, First Vice-Presidents, should be sufficiently well informed regarding parliamentary procedure to be able to carry a meeting with ease and efficiency. We should also be familiar with the order of business in the Woman's Baptist Mission Society.

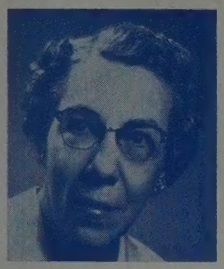
The First Vice-President may also be requested to serve when the President is away from her home. Such an absence places a responsibility upon the President also. Our national president has been out of the country on two occasions during the years she has been in office. She has never failed to write to me—her First Vice-President—giving me the dates on which she will be away, telling me where I may reach her, and informing me that I am to serve during her absence. Such thoughtfulness sets a perfect example for establishing the ideal President-First Vice-President relationship and makes working together a delightful experience.

## HONORARY DEGREE

The honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, was conferred upon Mrs. Howard L. Roach, President of the National Council of American Baptist Women, by Cornell College, Iowa, a Methodist college, at their June, 1957 Commencement, in recognition of her work with American Baptists.

American Baptist women extend congratulations to Mrs. Roach, on the occasion of this honor which has come to her!

# To the Chairmen of Program



From: Lois Mayes (Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes) (right)
Introducing: Helen McDermott (left)
(Mrs. Frank W. McDermott)
*National Chairman of Program*
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***To the Chairmen of Program:***

*Dear Friends:*

How I wish more of you could have experienced the inspiration of those busy days in Philadelphia, preceding and during the American Baptist Convention! There was Woman's Day with its annual meeting in the morning and its program on "Living Is a Family Affair," in the afternoon, and the inspiring board sessions of the National Council of American Baptist Women, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. An excellent pageant portraying early days of Baptist history in America was presented at an evening session during the Convention, as was the candlelight service of dedication for the new missionaries, which was a triumph of beauty. For detailed information be sure to read the accounts in *Missions* and the *Crusader*.

This is a year of great importance in the field of program building for our local Women's Societies. The board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women has decided that our leadership training emphasis for 1957-1958 will be in the area of program building. This is an area of concern to every one of us, for almost every active woman at one time or another is asked to plan, or at least to help in the planning of a program.

A "Guide for Conference on Program Planning" has been prepared for a day of leadership training in program planning. This guide has been sent to the state and association Presidents, First Vice-Presidents, vice-presidents of Christian Training, chairmen of Program and chairmen of Leadership Training. It is suggested that the chairmen of Leadership Training take the responsibility for calling together a planning committee as suggested in the guide. When the committee has made arrangements for the day, we suggest that the chairman of program serve as presiding officer for the day. Other details and suggestions are listed in the guide. We hope that many of our women will take advantage of this opportunity during the coming months and will learn new skills in the field of program building.

State chairmen should plan the day of training for association chairmen, and association chairmen make and carry out plans for local chairmen. In each case the chairman of Leadership Training will serve as chairman of the Planning Committee and the chairman of Program will preside over the day's schedule.

A day of training may also be held by local chairmen for the chairman of Program in the circles, for the program committee and other interested women. Every woman who shows a desire to learn about this field should be urged to attend. Urge all interested women to participate.

## NEW MATERIALS

Many new materials which will help us in program building were available at the American Baptist Convention. The following paragraphs line up some of them.

### Family Life Emphasis

The theme for Woman's Day, in Philadelphia, was "Christian Family Life." The six episodes presented in the afternoon program entitled, "Living Is a Family Affair," were written by Mrs. Stacy Randle, and have been adapted, by the author, for use in local societies. The six episodes are included in a booklet entitled "Living Is a Family Affair." There is a worship program and discussion guide for each episode. Thus a full afternoon or evening program may be built around any one playlet. Many of you will want to use one or more of these programs during the year. They will be especially challenging to parents. Order from the nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash. Price, 50 cents.

### "Living Water"

We are exceedingly grateful to Mrs. Walter S. Sampson of Ohio for the inspiring theme "Living Water" and for the packet prepared by her committee of Ohio Baptist women. We were happy to have Mrs. Sampson with us at the board meetings of the National Council of American Baptist Women in Philadelphia and to express our appreciation to her and her committee at that time.

By this time we hope that every local society is using the theme "Living Water" and has in its possession the new packet of programs. The packet, "Living Water," contains excellent leaflets and program aids, as well as suggested programs which help us to present

challenging and varied programs throughout the year. Since all copies of the packet have been sold, we suggest that if your society does not have a copy you borrow one from a neighboring society.

**Helps from the "Digest"**

The *Home Mission Digest* is always one of our best sources for planning programs on home missions. The 1957 edition of the *Home Mission Digest* is available and is unusually helpful with stories that stem from various types of home mission work. Major consideration is given to stories related to the home-mission study theme for the year, "Christ, the Church and Race." Order *Home Mission Digest, 1957,* from your Baptist bookstore. Price, 60 cents.

This year the American Baptist Home Mission Societies have again made available a mimeographed sheet of program suggestions based on the *Home Mission Digest.* This sheet is entitled "Helps from the Digest," and is free. Order it from Mrs. Milo Wenger, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Many of you will want to distribute this sheet in house party and association conferences.

Several state chairmen of Program helped in the preparation of "Helps from the Digest." Their help and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

**Tools for the Task**

Much new material which will add interest and information to our programs on the foreign-mission study theme, "Japan," has been prepared by the staff of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. A mimeographed list of this material is available under the title "Tools for the Task." The list is free. "Tools for the Task" will be exceedingly helpful to chairmen of Program. Why not distribute it in your house party or association program workshops? Order a supply of "Tools for the Task" from Miss Ada Stearns, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

Another very interesting suggestion is the tour program entitled, "Visiting American Baptist Work in Japan." This tour program is mimeographed and may also be ordered from Miss Ada Stearns. The price is 25 cents.

A picture leaflet of the new missionaries, presented to the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, could be used in different ways. The supply of this leaflet is limited but while it lasts one copy of the picture leaflet of the new missionaries may be ordered, free of charge, from Miss Ada Stearns.

**"Christ, the Church and Race"**

Our very timely home-mission study theme, "Christ, the Church and Race," has resulted in the production of several items of program material.

"Day of Decision" is a play, written by Mrs. Ralph Brown, eastern vice-president of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. "Day of Decision" presents the problems of segregation, particularly as related to housing. The play has been mimeographed and may be ordered from Mrs. Milo Wenger, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Price, 25 cents.

A new pamphlet entitled, "Christ, the Church and Race," has been published by the Council on Christian Social Progress. This leaflet may be used to supplement the packet program "A Cup of Cold Water," or it may be used as the basis for a panel. Order the leaflet, "Christ, the Church and Race," from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Single copy free; $3.00 per hundred.

**Films and Visual Aids**

Write to the department of Baptist Films, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., for a complete list of films and visual aids.

**LET'S CELEBRATE!**

This year the women of our societies will be observing several important anniversaries. One is the 125th birthday of The American Baptist Home Mission Society, and another the 80th anniversary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society.

A very attractive anniversary issue of the popular leaflet "Vignettes" affords a brief summary of information regarding the beginning of these two societies. Their early struggles present a great challenge. "Vignettes" is a free leaflet. Order from Mrs. Milo Wenger, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

A drama entitled "Until Christ's Kingdom Shall Come," written by Mrs. Ralph Brown, is also on the anniversary theme. Order from Mrs. Milo Wenger. Price, 25 cents.

This year marks also the 25th anniversary of the Love Gift. A service commemorating this event is printed on pages 23 and 24 of this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. "The Leaven of Love" was written by Mrs. Lester P. Wager, national chairman of the Love Gift.

**GOOD-BYE!**

This is my last letter to you as national chairman of Program. How I wish I could express the joy I have had in our Christian fellowship as we have worked together! Your devotion to your task, your consecration and splendid cooperation have been a continual inspiration to me. My very special appreciation to the board of the National Council of American Baptist Women and to all who have served as state chairmen of Program! Indeed—my grateful appreciation to every one of you!

And now I am very proud to present to you, Mrs. Frank W. McDermott, our new national chairman of Program. Mrs. McDermott and I began our work as Guild girls together in Ohio and later we attended a Christian college together. Now it is a great pleasure to find that this friend of long standing is to be my successor, and it is with great confidence that I place in her capable hands the task in which I am so deeply interested.

May God bless you, Helen McDermott, as you accept a new and challenging responsibility and may God's blessing be with all of you who have become my friends through the medium of this page!—LOIS D. MAYES.

# To the Chairmen of House Party

From: Helen Hussey (Mrs. Wilmer Hussey)
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*Division of First Vice-President*
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: North Vassalboro, Maine

*Hello, dear friends!*

"Living Water" was the theme used at the 1957 state house parties of Woman's Baptist Mission Societies across the American Baptist Convention. As we together in prayer renewed our spirits and joined in fellowship and play, we found inspiration and relaxation. Our spiritual thirst was quenched as this Living Water came to us, sparkling clear and stimulating in the missionary portrayals and the workshop conferences. As from the rush of the river's cooling waters or from the sound of a babbling, rippling brook after the heat of the day, came release, comfort, peace and rest.

## "KEEPERS OF THE SPRINGS"

Many springs feed the main body of water. So, in our spiritual life there are many springs from which comes the Living Water and from which we may draw.

Let us, as chairmen of House Party, think of ourselves as the keeper of one of these springs: that is, the "Spring of House Party." From this spring of House party flows:

Spiritual inspiration.
Challenging, effective programs.
Various interesting literature.
Christian fellowship and fun.

## CLEAR SPRINGS

As keepers of this spring of house party, we would want to be ever alert that the channel is clear and that the "Living Water" of our resources may freely flow throughout all areas. Also we would be open minded to the suggestions and findings of our fellow keepers of the spring of house party.

At the conference for chairmen of House Party on Woman's Day, in Philadelphia, May 29, 1957, twenty-two women, representing societies from Maine to California presented various ways of keeping clear the spring of house party. These are some of the findings of the conference:

Let us remember one another in our daily prayers that we may be strengthened by the knowledge that all across our great country there are many keepers of the spring of house party, seeking with us to do an effective work for him!

Let us as effective keepers of the spring of house party plan:

1. Early house party committee meeting. Suggest that the first house party committee meeting be held at the close of the annual house party session; otherwise within the next three or four weeks.

2. Publicity.

a. Initial publicity. Prepare and distribute as far in advance as six months prior to your house party a flyer giving place, dates and information in regard to reservations, with facts about the program, et cetera. Send the flyer to each local society and to all women who have attended the previous three house parties. Work with the First Vice-Presidents, requesting them to distribute the flyer to inactive women. Refer to page 5 of this issue of The American Baptist Woman in regard to gaining the interest of inactive women in our woman's work.

b. Follow-up publicity. Use the following media:

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| Newspapers | Telephone |
| Radio | Baptist denominational papers: |
| Television | local, state, national. |

Keep the "Living Water" flowing freely through these channels.

3. Registration. Have you tried pre-registration plans for your house party? Pre-registration has proven a positive spring of living water. Begin early.

4. House Party hostess. Does your house party committee include a house party hostess who attends to the arrival and departure of your guest speakers and during the session extends special courtesies?

5. Property director. Does your house party committee include a member who is responsible for securing and erecting signs on the grounds for the house party directory and information center?

6. Workshop conferences. Have you carefully prepared for the space for each leader and her group? Be specific regarding time allowed for workshop. Suggest that unanswered questions be held over for an evening at close of session for forum discussion. Have you considered the possibilities of a travel workshop when each officer and chairman is allowed five minutes in which to present the high lights of her work? Later on during the house party, workshops of one-half hour duration are offered by each officer and chairman.

## EVERY KEEPER USING . . .

Keepers of the spring of house party will find the following materials most helpful:

*You Can Be a Leader* and *Leader's Guide.* These may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash. Price, 50 cents, each.

*Goals* is out of print, but, without doubt, there is a copy in your society. Request pages 15 and 16, your Goals, for your workbook.

Send your request to me at North Vassalboro, Maine, for the following skits priced at fifteen cents each:

"What Should You Don't Do?" By Mrs. R. H. Lightbody.

"Menu for Reading." By Mrs. Kenneth Cober.

"The Light of the World." By Mrs. John Sparrowk.

Send to Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette, 6342 Normal Boulevard, Chicago 21, Ill., and enclose 15 cents, for a copy of "For My Children's Sake," by Mrs. Eulette.

*Living Is a Family Affair,* that delightful set of six episodes, complete with devotion and discussion guide for each episode, was written by Mrs. Stacy Randle, national chairman of Family Life. Order from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents.

### EVERY KEEPER SHARING . . .

As a keeper of the spring of house party, do you have suggestions on any phase of our work? If so, please send them to me for publication in our winter issue of THE AMERICAN BATIST WOMAN.

### EVERY KEEPER WORKING . . .

Every American Baptist woman is a keeper of the spring of house party. Some are *elected* as chairmen, but we all are *appointed* "keepers," called of God not only to drink of, but also to *serve* the cup of "Living Water." Only as the "spring" deepens and freely flows do we become effective "keepers." May we prayerfully seek his guidance as keepers of the spring of house party, as the "Living Water" is offered to those who would drink.

One of our missionaries in Haiti made this statement: "Little is much if God be in it." How true! May we as keepers of the spring of house party realize that while that which we can do is very little, it can be much "if God be in it."

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### HISTORICAL FACTS NEEDED

It is hoped that at some time a history of our woman's work will be published by the National Council of American Baptist Women. Mrs. Walter O. Harvey, president of the Massachusetts Woman's Baptist Mission Society, is gathering historical data. At house parties we women think and chat about our work in the "days when" as well as the present and the future. We believe that many of the facts which Mrs. Harvey seeks may be heard at these house parties. Keep your ear to the ground. This page is shared with Mrs. Harvey as she tells us of her plans and her needs. Mrs. Harvey's article begins on page two. Read it carefully. Make plans to present at your next house party her request for historical data regarding our woman's work.

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appealing to all to have a true missionary spirit, she urged them to give until they felt it and to give more than two cents a week."

"In 1873 a Committee was chosen to solicit funds and assist in preparing an outfit for our sister, Miss Lawrence, for her mission to Burma." Miss Lawrence went as a teacher in the Eurasian School for Girls in Toungoo and the Society gave one hundred dollars of the two hundred and fifty dollars needed to outfit her. For the next forty-three years interest in the Society centered around her. Her letters were read at every meeting, boxes of clothing were sent, mission boxes were placed in many families and the Society overflowed with joy and zeal in doing for her. When she returned after her furlough in 1886, thirty-eight other missionaries sailed with her; twenty-six of them under the American Baptist Mission Society."

Mission study was not taken lightly. In 1893, "they went to the meeting expecting a dull time without a map, but Mrs. Hopkins, who had visited Japan three times, told interesting things about the country and aided over the pronouncing of perplexing names."

At another meeting, "the subject of the Paper was, 'She hath done what she thought she couldn't.'"

In March 1885, the report states, "Our young women heeded the plea to form a Home Mission Circle and met in the vestry for this purpose. Its object was to aid the Woman's Home Mission Society in the work of Christian Elevation of Women in North America." They studied the "Freed people of the south, their degradation and needs, packed barrels for the ministers out West, gave out Mite Boxes, sent clothing to Mather and the Missionaries."

By 1896, we find the two Societies holding their meetings together occasionally; and in 1900 a new Constitution was adopted, merging the two societies as "The Woman's Missionary Society of Pleasant Street Baptist Church."

### WHAT IS YOUR STORY?

This was the beginning of women's work in the Pleasant Street Church, Worcester, Massachusetts. What is the story of your society? We are now looking for historical material for the time when the history of the work of women through missionary groups and societies can be written and preserved. We are interested in the records of all societies, whether national, state, association or local, prior to the organization of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Please search for such material now in your minutes, letters, leaflets, pictures and through contact with those who have memories of our early work, which may not have been recorded. These historical facts are invaluable and we must depend upon you to find them for us. Send this material to me at 19 Wellesley Road, Holyoke, Mass. If, however, your documents are precious, please do not include them; merely state that you have them and that they are available when needed.

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Compiled by Charlotte Houck Ridler (Mrs. R. Ridler), from the Records of Pleasant Street Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass.

# To the Chairmen of Literature

**From: Jennie Eulette (Mrs. Clayton D. Eulette)**
***National Chairman of Literature***
***Division of First Vice-President***
**National Council of American Baptist Women**
**Home Address: 6342 South Normal Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois**

***A Sincere and Friendly "Good Afternoon" to Every Chairman of Literature Who Turns to This Page!***

I say "Good Afternoon" because I know your mornings are filled to overflowing with many and varied duties. It is afternoon, probably, before you have a moment of leisure in which to read. This letter is being written to you in early summer, but summer will be over before you read it. You will not know until then that during these summer days I am thinking of you and wishing for each of you, individually, a summer of rest, relaxation and recreation, giving you refreshment of mind and soul.

## A CITY OF "SISTERLY LOVE"

Philadelphia has long been known as the City of Brotherly Love. At the inspiring sessions of the American Baptist Convention, in May, 1957, and during the several board meetings immediately preceding, the women of Greater Philadelphia made it pre-eminently a City of Sisterly Love. Our Baptist women of Greater Philadelphia conceived countless ideas for our comfort, and showered us with thoughtful attentions. Many of you know this from experience. I wish you all might have been there.

## DAYS OF DEVOTION AND IMPORTANT DECISIONS

The 1957 Convention was a truly great one, with deep and far-reaching decisions and resolutions. I hope those of you who did not attend have taken every opportunity to read about it or to hear reports concerning it. Others —friends and acquaintances—will have described for you the outstanding programs of the two sessions, on May 29, at the annual meeting of the National Council of American Baptist Women. I shall, therefore, tell you only about the conference held for chairmen of Literature during the noon hour.

## A WELL ATTENDED CONFERENCE

The registration book shows that there were present state, association and local chairmen of Literature from neighboring and mid-western states, and also from as far as Washington and Oregon. In addition, there were a number of women who came because their chairmen of Literature could not attend, and they planned to return to their society with a report of the conference. It was evidence of the deep interest and the strong desire for discussion of their problems, that these women were willing to wedge another meeting into a crowded day.

## DISCUSSION: FAMILIAR SUBJECTS

The conference for chairmen of Literature was essentially a conference in which the members of the group participated. Their questions determined the course which the discussion took. At first, I was surprised and slightly puzzled by the familiar ring of the questions asked, and the subjects opened for discussion. Then I realized that *the frequency with which a question is asked testifies to the fact that we are continually enlisting the interest and the cooperation of more and more women.* The problems and situations are new to them, and they take the very sensible way of learning by asking questions. This awakening interest on the part of more and more women, from all parts of the American Baptist area, is one great element in the growing strength of the National Council of American Baptist Women. This it is which makes our organization increasingly helpful in carrying on the World Mission of American Baptists.

## INTEREST CENTERED UPON SEVERAL POINTS

1. A chairman of Literature has two counterparts: one from whom she *receives* information, direction and guidance; one to whom she *passes on* what she receives. It is vitally important that she *share, promptly and completely* what she has received, for upon this depends the very life of the entire organization. As a person must have an unimpeded circulation of the blood to continue in good health, so the National Council of American Baptist Women depends for its strength upon an uninterrupted flow of necessary information, materials and assistance. The responsibility for this important circulation rests upon each and every officer and chairman. The local chairman of Literature depends completely upon such promptness of transmission for the success of her important work in her own society.

2. The chairman of Literature has for her work sheet "Literature Highlights." She promotes the purchase and the wide reading of the materials listed in "Literature Highlights." After the officers and chairmen have consulted with her, the chairman of Literature buys for, and delivers to them the materials which they have ordered. The work of the chairman of Literature is distinct from that of the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education, who promotes the reading of materials listed in "Friends Through Books," *keeping the*

*record* of the books read, and the number of readers. See statement on page 16, of this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, written by the chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education.

3. Every society should allocate a definite amount in its budget with which the chairman of Literature may purchase books, leaflets, guides, and so forth. This amount will vary, according to the size of the society, but it should be definitely determined. In addition, members who buy books personally may be asked to permit the books to be circulated among the women of the church.

4. There has been a real demand for the mimeographed sheet suggesting different ways for presenting literature in local, association and state meetings. All chairmen of Literature are urged to send to the national chairman of Literature methods of presentation which they or others have used, so that still others across our Baptist area may also benefit.

5. The Workbook is the up-to-date record of that which has been done. It is to be carefully kept, and passed on *without delay* to a successor. It will be invaluable to a new chairman in acquainting her with the work she is to undertake.

6. Promptness in sending in annual reports is increasingly important. In one state more than one-half of the societies failed to make *any* report. This is unfair to the state organization, and does not give a true picture of the work being done by the National Council of American Baptist Women. The *deadline* for reports is not, like the equator, an *imaginary* line. It is very real. The delay of even one day may prevent the inclusion of an entire state in the national annual report. Just that happened this year!

## OTHER SUBJECTS

Other matters, too, were touched upon at the conference for chairmen of Literature in Philadelphia:

1. The benefit a society received from sending a delegate—or delegates—to the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, where Baptist women leaders meet to discuss similar problems and exchange solutions.

2. The great unifying value of our publication, THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, through which, for the first time, a message may be sent from each national officer or chairman directly to her counterpart throughout the entire American Baptist Convention.

3. The necessity that each chairman of Literature familiarize herself with the materials listed in "Literature Highlights," promote subscriptions to *Missions,* and urge the women to form the habit of reading *Crusader, The Secret Place,* and *A Book of Remembrance.*

While all of these points discussed at the conference at Philadelphia may sound familiar to some of you, they *constitute the very essence of our job as chairmen of Literature.* They are therefore worthy of constant repetition.

## AND NOW, A LOOK AHEAD

Here are several ideas which others have found helpful. Have you tried them?

**A supply of literature** made available to patients in a local hospital, after securing consent of the hospital.

**A literature "At Home" day,** when people may come to a home or to the church to examine the literature at their leisure and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee. Invitations may be sent personally or included in the church bulletin.

**A News Letter** about available literature, mimeographed and distributed with the church bulletin.

**Book Reviews,** such as Women's Clubs feature so successfully, given as special events or at a regular meeting of the society or of a circle.

**An interesting quotation** from a book or a leaflet, appearing in the church bulletin, with information concerning where it may be found.

**Offering an award**—perhaps a free subscription—to the person securing the largest number of new subscriptions to *Missions* during a given period of weeks.

**Enlisting the help** of a member from each Circle in taking a small display of books and leaflets to the circle meeting. This may prove to be a real blessing to the one so enlisted, especially if she is one of the younger members.

Let me know of any other interesting experiments in making our vast store of literature better known and more widely read.

## DO YOU KNOW

**THAT** in 1850 only 15 per cent of the United States population belonged to a church? Today, more than 60 per cent are members. The evidence is conclusive that a spiritual awakening is here. We see it in dynamic laymen's movements and in the improved quality of religious leaders.

## "LIVING WATER"

The chairman of Literature has for her aim much more than merely the securing of more women to read more literature, excellent as that literature may be, and as thoroughly worthy as that aim may be. The literature she recommends has its source in a stream of living water. It is based upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, the true Living Water, the one who alone has the words of Eternal Life.

We are told in the first Psalm of the man whose "delight is in the law of the Lord. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water." Because the tree is so planted and is able to send its roots deep into the life-giving stream, the tree "bringeth forth his fruit in his season," and thus contributes to the happiness of all about it.

The chairman of Literature seeks to lead more women to experience the fruitful growth of which the Psalmist speaks, and to know the joy which results from sending roots deep down into the earth where they are fed by a life-giving stream.

**The work of the chairman of Literature is one of evangelism and Christian nurture. It is a high calling.**

# To the Vice-Presidents of Missions

From: HARRIET BARKER (Mrs. Marshall B. Barker)
*National Vice-President of Missions*
*Division of Missions*
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 3327 Huntington Boulevard, Fresno 2, California

*Dear Vice-Presidents of Missions:*

A hearty welcome to all new vice-presidents of Missions, a salutation to old friends and a God bless you, every one, for the work we will be attempting together in the months to come!

It was a real pleasure to meet so many of you at the American Baptist Convention and in house parties in Colorado, Northern California, Kansas and Arizona. No matter where we live our task is pretty much the same.

## "LIVING WATER"

Aren't you enjoying our theme? What inexhaustable power this Living Water can provide! On the San Joaquin River, near my home, the water is used and re-used to create power as it runs down the mountain from one power house to the next. The same water is used as many as six times in as many power houses but the very wonderful thing is that no water is used up or lost in the process and the water is unchanged. It will still quench thirst and irrigate crops. The only difference is in time and place.

How like the power which comes from Living Water! This water provided power at Pentecost and this same power is available to us. The Living Water has been used and re-used through the ages but it has not been used up and it is not changed. The only difference is in time and place.

A turbine is just a piece of metal until it is activated by the rushing water so that it generates power. It is the power generated by the Living Water that has activated our missionary work through the ages. This same power is available to every one of us. There is plenty of potential power in God's reservoir of Living Water. Open the channel and let it flow through you with all its force and power.

## YOUR DIVISION

Do you have all three of the following chairmen in your Division—a chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education, a chairman of Speakers and Interpreters, a chairman of Special Interest Missionaries—and do you meet to plan your work? Our radio announcer says, "If you aren't using (our product), you're working too hard!" I say, "If you aren't using **Divisions**, you're working too hard!" In addition to that you are depriving someone of the opportunity of service.

A minister said that he always thought the verse, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them," was a verse of consolation, when not many appeared at prayer meeting. However, he has now come to the conclusion that it means *one* is not enough. In other words, he should not try to do everything himself but should get two or three to help. This is what we do in a *division.*

In Industry, leaders are making use of "brainstorming." A group of perhaps six men will meet informally; a problem is presented and they discuss it. Each voices any idea that occurs to him. Although his idea may not be at all practical, it may suggest a better idea to the next man, or someone may combine elements from several "wild ideas" or suggestions into something of real value. This sort of thing can and does happen in a good division meeting. It is certainly true that four minds working together can do much more creative thinking than four minds working alone.

Then a division meeting is a wonderful training ground for a young, a new, an inexperienced, or a timid chairman. She might never be willing or able to accept the responsibility alone, but knowing that she will be part of a team and that each one in a division will help every other one, she is soon prepared to take a real place of leadership in your Woman's Society.

Make it your first goal of the year to fill all positions in your division and to have regular division meetings to plan your work. This means *you* whether you are church, association or state vice-president of Missions.

## HOW MANY CAN YOU CALL BY NAME?

Let us make it the second goal of our division this year to *personalize* our missionary work. By this we mean, let us think of our missionaries as *persons.* Let us call them by name, let us pray for them by name, let us help the whole church to know several missionaries by name. Let us start with our Specials, of course, but let's not stop there. Let this be a division project!

In Missionary and Stewardship Education classes this year, let us learn the names of several of our Baptist missionaries in Japan and the names of our leaders in racial understanding. Urge Speakers and Interpreters to emphasize the names of missionaries as they give their talks on our work. As we come, very soon, to our World Fellowship Offering emphasis, let us think of our workers in the overseas churches as individuals and learn to call them by name. We must not lose the personal touch.

For information about a particular missionary, look

in *A Book of Remembrance*. For further information write to the mission board for which she works. Send three cents to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. *or* to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y, for her Pen Sketch and ask for a copy of a letter from her, if it is possible. If she is one of your state's Specials, your chairman of Special Interest Missionaries may be able to give you the information you desire.

Let us remember that missionaries are *people*. They have families, sometimes they are separated from their families for long periods; some have health problems and many have very difficult assignments. Your prayers for them as individuals will mean more than you will ever know. Pray for them in your own private meditations, in family prayers, as well as at circle or society meetings.

## WORLD FELLOWSHIP OFFERING

You should receive a letter and materials very soon regarding this annual foreign mission offering. Remember it is your responsibility to promote this offering in all woman's groups in your church. Some organizations may wish to make a contribution from the treasury. However every individual and family of the church should be encouraged to make a special gift to American Baptist foreign missions at this time.

The suggested date for the offering is World Communion Sunday, October 6, 1957. This means you should present it to the women at their September meetings A play, "The Tie that Binds our Churches," has been prepared for an adult or youth program. It is included in the World Fellowship Offering packet; it should be presented to the whole church. You may be able to help in its presentation.

## WHAT ABOUT REPORTS?

It may seem like a queer time of year to start talking about reports but what about your last year's record? Were you one of the 30 per cent of our vice-presidents who did not send in any report? Look over the report you submitted last year. See where it may be improved. Now is the time to start trying.

Keep a workbook where you may file your reports so that you may refer to them in days to come.

## NEW MISSIONARIES PRESENTED AT THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION

Did one of these new missionaries come from your church? Make it one of your prime interests to encourage young people from your church to dedicate their lives to missionary service.

The dedication of new missionaries is one of the high lights of each of our annual American Baptist conventions. This year the service was especially impressive. After the new appointees introduced themselves, several of them spoke of their plans and hopes for the future. The lights of the auditorium were then dimmed From large lighted candles on the platform, people moved out through the audience, lighting the small candle held in the hand of each person present. From a feeble beginning the flame spread from person to person until the vast room was brilliantly lighted. The prayer in each heart was that the Light of the World might spread to all people and that the consecrated young people on the platform might be used of God to that end.

You may order pictures of the new missionaries from either the American Baptist Home Mission Societies or the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. Hang these pictures on your church bulletin board for all to see. When you finally take the pictures down, cut them out, mount them and use as prayer reminders. This is another way of personalizing missions.

## NEW BAPTIST FILMS

"Garden of Service" is the new dramatic motion picture showing the influence of our Waseda Student Christian Center in Tokyo. It was filmed in Japan, and is beautiful as well as instructive.

"The Golden Gift" was filmed by Mr. Edmund Shaw, secretary of the department of Baptist Films, in Burma. It tells the story of a young man's decision.

Both of these films are sound, color, motion pictures requiring 30 minutes. Rental charge, $10.00 each. Ordered from the nearest Baptist Film Library: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, Calif.

Watch for information about other films and visual aids in *Missions*.

## SEEN IN PHILADELPHIA

In the little church where Betsy Ross and George Washington and other famous people worshiped, is buried a woman who died in 1745 at the age of twenty-four. On the stone which forms the floor of the church may be read these words: "Under this stone lies Ann Hockley who will ever be remembered with true esteem by all who knew her for her good Sence, Sprightly Conversation, Strict Virtue, Sincere friendship and unaffected Piety."

Wouldn't she have been a wonderful vice-president of Missions?

## KAGAWA CARD

Have you seen the Kagawa card, printed by the Wright Studio, 5335 Ohmer Avenue, Indianapolis 19, Indiana, price 15 cents? It pictures the three Japanese "friends of winter" in a lovely poem by Toyohiko Kagawa. The three friends are:

**The Pine** which symbolizes Faith because it stands straight and strong through winter's storms;

**The Bamboo** which symbolizes Hope and though it is bent low by the wind and snow, it will rise again;

**The Plum** whose pure white blossoms symbolize Love which blossoms, even while the snow lies on the ground, in faith and hope that spring will truly come.

Once you have seen this card you will want to use it for special programs and for greetings to special friends.

# To the Chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education

From: Dorothy Ellis (Mrs. Thomas E. Ellis)
*National Chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education*
*Division of Missions*
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 1570 Lonsdale Avenue, Lonsdale, Rhode Island

*Greetings!*

It is easy to imagine, as I write, the leisure that many of you are enjoying with your families, camping by some cool sparkling stream, reading in the restful shade of a tree, relaxing on the beach, or being just plain lazy. Then comes The American Baptist Woman and you are suddenly brought to a realization that it is time to get back home, back to work, and back to school. The summer, I sincerely hope, has brought you physical and spiritual refreshment, for we all sorely need time for rest and re-creation.

## MATERIALS

### For 1957-1958 Study Themes

Many of you probably attended your house party during the spring or summer and there received the latest information and materials for our mission study themes. It is suggested that we use the study on "Japan" for our mission study groups, and "Christ, the Church and Race" for our Church School of Missions. The latter theme—a timely subject—has much to offer for a Church School of Missions. This study will, doubtless, help us to answer some of our questions on race relations and to face this serious problem as Christians.

There are several helpful books listed in "Friends Through Books," which will give valuable information and will lead us to a realization that we live in God's world and have a responsibility to all his children.

### For the home-mission theme:

The film, "The Broken Mask," has been prepared for the home-mission theme, "Christ, the Church and Race." It is in color; can be run in 28 minutes; rental $12.00.

### For the foreign-mission theme:

A most delightful book, *Voices from Japan*, has been compiled by Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens. At our division meeting on Woman's Day, in Philadelphia, Dr. Stevens told us of her interest and pleasure in the preparation of this book. *Voices from Japan* is an expression of several outstanding Japanese Christians as to what the Christian Church has meant to Japan. Not often have we the privilege of reading a book concerning our Baptist work, written by nationals. Price, $1.00.

"Garden of Service," a color film, requiring 30 minutes, is the story of a devout Japanese student introduced to Christianity through Christian Student Center in Tokyo. Rental, $10.00.

"The Golden Gift," a 30 minute color film on Burma, made its première at the American Baptist Convention. This film tells of a young Burman making his decision for Christ. Rental, $10.00.

*Kodansha Library of Japanese Art.* Your special attention is called to the Kodansha Library of Japanese Art, mentioned on page six of "Study and Worship Programs on Japan." These pictures, size 4½ x 6, printed in Japan, are available from Charles E. Tuttle Company, Rutland, Vermont, as follows:

*Katsushika Hokusai:* 1760-1849. 29 full color reproductions.

*Ando Hiroshige:* 1797-1858. 52 full color reproductions.

*Yokoyama Taikan:* 1868- 25 full color reproductions.

There is an English adaptation of Japanese descriptive texts in each book. Price, $1.00, each.

These pictures reveal the great natural artistic ability of the Japanese and their contribution to our world in the realm of beauty, and they will, doubtless, add to the interest of your study, as will the charming color folders which may be secured from the Japanese Travel Information Office, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N. Y.

Detailed information on Japan has been given, feeling that the Woman's Societies will be using the foreign-mission theme for their study groups; however, as you serve on the Board of Missions and make plans for the Church School of Missions, be sure to have the "Study and Worship Programs on Race," so that all possible materials may be considered.

*Baptist Study and Worship Programs* for home-mission and foreign-mission themes are available from the Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. Price, 50 cents, each.

### For Stewardship

*The Stewardess* by Eleanor Bockelman, a Lutheran minister's wife. Mrs. Bockelman brings stewardship into every area of her home and life. This book holds fascination and inspiration. Price, $1.00.

*Why Tithe?*, a booklet by the Rev. William J. Keech,

director of Missionary and Stewardship Education, gives us the historical background of the tithe. It challenges serious thinking. Price, 30 cents.

All books and films to which we have referred are listed in the leaflet, "Friends Through Books." Books may be ordered from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring St., Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash. Order filmstrips from the Baptist Film Library nearest to your home: 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.; 19 South La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 2107 Woolsey Street, Berkeley 5, Calif.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

I must tell you of my pleasure over our annual reports! *Every* state responded this year, bringing our reports to a record high. Congratulations!

**Statistics:**

◆ 90,324 women read 595,532 books—an increase of 21,117 readers and 165,059 books over last year.

◆ Tithing was promoted in 1167 societies.

◆ Study courses: 701 on home missions; 783 on foreign missions; 421 on stewardship.

◆ In 929 churches women are serving on the Board of Education; in 878 churches on the Church Committee on Missions; and in 810 churches women helped to plan the Church School of Missions.

◆ 805 chairmen of Missionary and Stewardship Education used this page in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.

These reports, as you see, indicate our accomplishments and reveal our weaknesses. As in any organization, a survey, from time to time, is necessary. It is, therefore, important for us to look across our Convention to see what has been done during the year in Missionary and Stewardship Education. The preceding statistics give you a glimpse of the magnitude of our work.

## BOOKS AND READERS

Are you wondering—or being asked questions—about the counting of books and readers for the Annual Report? Each book read counts as one book and each person reading counts as one reader: for example, if one book is read by six women that counts as six books and six readers.

A book that is reviewed before a group does *not* count as having been read by each one in the group. Only the person who gave the review is entitled to take credit for having read the book.

The approved lists of reading for 1957-1958 are indicated in "Friends Through Books," page 20, item 3. The periodicals included in the reading program are: *Missions, The Secret Place, Baptist Leader, Hearthstone,* and *High Call.* Each monthly periodical counts as one book; thirteen different issues of a weekly periodical count as one book.

Refer to page 2 of "Friends Through Books" for information concerning the "Purpose of the National Missionary Reading Program," and to page 20 for "National Missionary Reading Program Procedures."

## PLANS AND PROJECTS

In your leaflet, "Missionary and Stewardship Education at a Glance," turn to Goal VII, *Talent Search and Placement.* Make a survey in your church of all women members, listing their potential abilities. Guide them to a dedication of time and abilities. Adopt as a slogan, "Every Member a Co-worker in the Church." In the past year 1104 societies set up such a survey which resulted in added strength. Shall we strive this year to have all of our societies adopt Goal VII?

In **Cuba, New York,** the women of the First Baptist Church united with the women from three other churches in their community for an interdenominational mission study group. They reported that by exchange of information, study guides and leadership they gained knowledge of the part each group was contributing to the world mission.

From **Connecticut** comes a very far-reaching suggestion: The study course of last year, "The Church in Southeast Asia" was presented over television on Wednesday mornings from nine to nine-thirty, by the Connecticut Council of Churches. Here, indeed, is an opportunity to difuse information and we should endeavor to obtain free radio and television time in many states.

## REVISED CONSTITUTIONS AND LEADER'S GUIDES

As you remember, a change was made in the pattern of organization last year, affecting our division. Be certain that you are using the *revised* Leader's Guides and Constitutions. Order Leader's Guides from your nearest Baptist bookstore. Price, 50 cents. Order Constitutions—state, association, local (for large, medium or small society)—from the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women. Price, 5 cents, each.

## TRAVELOGUE

Mrs. Leether Hutchison, state chairman of Missionary and Stewardship Education for Michigan, recently visited the West Indies. Her letter holds interest for us all.

"My husband and I," writes Mrs. Hutchison, "traveled by plane from Miami to six different islands. In Puerto Rico, we visited our missionary, Petronila Nieves. She gave us an interesting description of her work at the Baptist Christian Center.

"In Haiti we visited the hospital at Limbe, started three years ago by Millicent Engel.

"At the Seminary at Haiti, we met the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Heneise, the Rev. and Mrs. Z. A. Yeghoyan, and enjoyed seeing the chapel, seminary and the Baptist Day School for children.

"If those not interested in missions, could see the work being done in Puerto Rico and Haiti, they would, I believe, soon be convinced of the importance of missionary giving."

# To the Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters

From: Pauline Maul (Mrs. Paul T. Maul)
*National Chairman of Speakers and Interpreters*
*Division of Missions*
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana

*Dear Chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters:*

Those days in Philadelphia, during both the Convention and pre-Convention board sessions of the National Council of American Baptist Women, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, were informative and inspiring. This year there were several special high spots for me and I want to share them with you.

The historical significance of the city of Philadelphia made its impression upon me shortly after my arrival, as I believe it would upon any one visiting the city for the first time. What a great experience to stand in Independence Square on Memorial Day and hear the inspiring challenge to live up to our Baptist heritage as we listened to our own beloved Dr. C. Oscar Johnson! How thrilling to think that here am I, a Baptist in a long line of Baptists: a people with an enviable record—through the years—of having stood staunch in the beliefs and practice of freedom and democracy! How moving to be here in the city where 250 years ago the Philadelphia Association was formed! Scenes and landmarks, historically important to all Americans and doubly so to American Baptists will remain as cherished memories.

For sheer beauty and impressiveness, I would choose as one of the first among many outstanding programs of the Convention the Consecration Service which followed the commissioning of the missionaries. Among the missionaries there were the young, entering upon their service; those home on furlough, some having served many years; others, comparatively young in the service; and many who are retired. To see such an assembly is, in itself, a moving experience. Then followed the consecration of all present: a consecration to the cause of spreading the Gospel, symbolized by each individual lighting the candle which he held. Brighter and brighter the candlelight shone as the number of individual lights increased from tens to hundreds, to thousands! This was a service that I shall long remember.

Another high light for many of us was the Speakers and Interpreters breakfast. There was opportunity to meet many missionaries and to hear several Speakers and Interpreters interviewed by Miss Helen Schmitz, secretary, department publications and communications, American Baptist Home Mission Societies. It was challenging to us, chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters, to hear them tell of experiences in their work. It was at this breakfast, too, that we celebrated the twentieth birthday of the League of Interpreters. Several were present who had served as Interpreters for the entire twenty years!

In my one year as your national chairman I have learned many things, one of which is the fact that there exists a real feeling of nearness with those who are doing the same kind of work. I enjoyed so much meeting the chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters who were in Philadelphia. It was a great pleasure, too, to meet and talk with those who attended the conference on Woman's Day. We hope that at least some of the questions were answered satisfactorily and that the discussion of our problems and their solutions was helpful.

**QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED:**

**What would I do . . .**

**If I were a local chairman?** If I were a local chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters, I would:

- Try to become acquainted with my association Speakers and Interpreters. This would equip me better to help each one of them as they receive invitations and opportunities to serve.
- Suggest to the chairman of the Missions Committee of my church—if I were not already a member of that committee—that I be permitted to attend the meetings of the committee. There I would suggest the use of Speakers and Interpreters in Church Schools of Missions, in Sunday church school sessions, in Youth group meetings, in mid-week and prayer services—in short, wherever and whenever it would be appropriate and helpful.
- Be sure that my minister had a list of the Speakers and Interpreters, and I would also suggest to him that each one would be delighted to speak at a Sunday service, perhaps during his vacation or other absence, or perhaps work with him in a special missions Sunday program.
- See that there is ample and proper publicity for a meeting at which a Speaker or Interpreter is scheduled to speak. I would do all that I could to insure good attendance.
- Keep reminding myself that as a chairman of Speakers and Interpreters I am a part of the division of Missions and that the *promotion of missions* is the basic reason for having Speakers and Interpreters.

**What would I do . . .**

**If I were an association chairman?** If I were an association chairman of Speakers and Interpreters, I would:

• Enlist as Speakers and Interpreters those who are good speakers and interested in missions.

• Promote the use of these Speakers and Interpreters by seeing that a list of their names is sent to each local society and to each local minister.

• See that Speakers and Interpreters are introduced at association meetings and if possible arrange for time for one or more to speak briefly at the meeting.

• Appoint—or reappoint—Speakers and Interpreters each year and install them with officers of the association.

• Instruct local chairmen in ways to promote the use of Speakers and Interpreters.

• Keep an up-to-date list of Speakers and Interpreters and send a copy to my state chairman after each revision.

• Realize that I am a part of the Division of Missions, and keep myself informed of my complete task.

• Approach my work with enthusiasm and vigor, mindful that it is a work well worth doing and is therefore worth doing well.

• Compile carefully and mail annual reports to the proper person and send them as far in advance of the deadline as possible.

• Make special effort to have reports from *all* local chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters and also from all Speakers and Interpreters. Keep in mind the necessity for reminding each of them of the importance of this report. Do this at least one week in advance of the date when the report is due.

**What would I do . . .**

**If I were a state chairman?** If I were a state chairman of Speakers and Interpreters, I would:

• Be very sure that correct lists of Speakers and Interpreters have been received from association chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters.

• Make sure that the correct list of Speakers is sent to the Speakers Bureau, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and that the correct list of Interpreters is sent to the League of Interpreters, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

• Add my name to each of these lists sent to the Speakers Bureau and the League of Interpreters, so that I would receive—and could familiarize myself with —the material sent to the Speakers and Interpreters.

• Send names of Speakers and Interpreters to state executive secretaries, to ministers, to camp directors and to presidents of Woman's Societies.

• Encourage the use of Speakers and Interpreters on the program of the house parties, board meetings and annual meetings. This is a means of publicizing the work of the Speakers and Interpreters, as well as providing additional opportunities for them to promote the mission work.

• Conduct or arrange for a training session for Speakers and Interpreters at house parties, also provide for a conference for chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters.

• Plan for a Speakers and Interpreters Breakfast at the house party, inviting everyone at the house party. Such a breakfast provides an opportunity to introduce your Speakers and Interpreters, to present a program of interest, and to have fun.

• Be very careful to pass on to my association chairmen letters and information sent to me by my national chairmen.

• Fill out with great care my yearly reports, being careful to send the Speakers' report to the Speakers Bureau at 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y., and the Interpreters' report to the League of Interpreters, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

• Send my report—the state chairman's report—compiled from my association chairmen's reports, to Mrs. Paul Maul, 2 Oak Lane, Anderson, Indiana.

• Remember that these reports are important and necessary for evaluating the work which has been done and planning for the future.

## DON'T STOP WITH THESE!

The preceding suggestions for local, association and state chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters are by no means all that could be made nor do they include all of the responsibilities of each chairman. The establishment of your own goals will engender new ideas and from your own imagination may come many more.

## A REPORT ON REPORTS

There are 4,581 organized societies; 2,330 reports were received from chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters. The 2,251 missing reports caused the report of the national chairman of Speakers and Interpreters to be incomplete. Three states did not report at all. Letters from several state chairmen indicated that reports from some of their association chairmen had failed to reach them. However, when the thirty-two state reports were compiled, a good national report resulted because much fine work had been done in the states from which reports were received.

You will be interested to know that:

◆ 1,846 societies have chairmen of Speakers and Interpreters

◆ 1,497 societies heard Interpreters

◆ 1,617 societies heard Speakers

We shall never know how much was *not* reported, but we can aim for a complete report for 1957-1958. Let us set a goal: Every society filling out completely the annual report for Speakers and Interpreters in the *Annual Report and Record Book* and sending it on the date designated to the association chairman of Speakers and Interpreters; every association chairman sending her report promptly to the state chairmen; every state chairman sending her report to the national chairman well in advance of the deadline.

# To the Chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries

From: Pearl Smith (Mrs. Russell Smith) (right)
Introducing: June Gates
(Mrs. Elbert E. Gates, Jr.) (left)
*National Chairman of Special Interest Missionaries*
*Division of Missions*
National Council of American Baptist Women
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## The Dreamer and The Worker

There is a big difference between a mere desire to do a thing and a burning passion to accomplish it at any cost. A mere desire is like a low fire in a locomotive—it will never produce steam. It takes real heat to generate steam. It takes force and enthusiasm to generate that which propels the successful character.

The dreamer laughs at the worker, and the worker laughs at the dreamer, neither realizing that the one is useless without the other. The realist would have nothing to do if it were not for the idealist, and dreams would never come true if it were not for the realist.

Poetry and ideals were not intended to take the place of work, but to give inspiration for greater work. No matter how much you may do, you can do more. No one has ever yet applied all the ability of which she is capable. If only a small portion of our minds is alive and active, we will continue to live in a mediocre environment. As we wake up more of our minds, more opportunities will unfold.

### SUCCESS TO MY SUCCESSOR!

This will be my last time to greet you through these pages. I shall miss hearing from you who have given me so many good ideas. You have been an inspiration to me while I have served as your national chairman of Special Interest Missionaries, and I know that you will continue to give your splendid support to my successor, Mrs. Elbert Gates.

Mrs. Gates, wife of the Reverend Elbert Gates, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Westfield, New Jersey, is a member of the board of managers of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, and has recently completed a world tour of our mission stations with her husband.

### PERSONALIZING MISSIONS

IS the theme of this division for the coming year. Many women have been personalizing missions in their states, associations and churches. We share with you some of their ideas.

**Washington** made missions very personal indeed. Members of the Washington Woman's Baptist Mission Society took recordings of missionaries' speeches and conversations made at their state house party and convention. These recordings were used in circle meetings. Hearing the voice—the message of one of our missionaries—is surely one way to personalize missions.

**Illinois** reports watching pages of *Missions* and *Crusader* for personal items, and following up by writing a note to a friend saying, "Did you read such and such in *Missions* or *Crusader*?" This not only personalizes and promotes Specials, but it also increases interest in subscribing to our Baptist periodicals.

Illinois also reports that each officer and chairman has a column in the Woman's Society state paper, giving her opportunity to use her ingenuity in making her work known throughout her area.

### PROGRAMS ARE BEING PLANNED

FOR fall and winter use in many churches. See that birthday dates of your Specials are in the program books. Ask for a place in each circle's plans for your presentation.

Note: If your books are already completed, type or mimeograph information and ask that it be inserted in the program books.

### FOREIGN MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

WILL be taken early in the fall. This is a splendid opportunity to personalize missions.

◆ Supply the congregation with news items about your Specials.

◆ Insert pictures of your Specials in small picture frames, grouping them on a colorful background on your bulletin board.

◆ Place articles—treasures or gifts from foreign countries—on a table under the pictures.

◆ Assign members of your society to be on duty to give information as people stop to look.

◆ Have available at this time a mimeographed folder giving news of your Specials, their birthdays, or Pen Sketches.

◆ Suggest ways in which families may make the Specials a part of the family's home life.

## CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Packages will soon be on their way to our foreign missionaries. Here is a hint to new and old chairmen, quoted from a recent missionary letter: "I appreciate the carefully written letters and the Christmas cards, especially those upon which there is no writing. If the name and address of the sender—and message, too—is written on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed in the envelope with the card, then the card can be used again. I was happy, also, that no one sent any gift—other than money—without first asking what I needed. In this way your gifts accomplish much more."

Be sure to consult your copy of "Specialties for Specials," a leaflet which has already been sent to each local society, before sending any packages to either home or foreign missionaries.

## PLANS FOR A NEW YEAR OF WORK

Some of you are new chairmen of Special Interest Missionaries. Some of you have not only been serving for some time, but have given me many of the ideas which I pass along to others. It is good, however, for all of us to think over our work, whether we are just beginning or whether we are making plans for a year even more profitable than the one just completed. With this in mind, turn to *Goals.*

**Goal 1.** Assign Specials and their families to church school classes for a month of special prayer. This can be done in many ways. The suggestion has been made that dolls be dressed to represent the Specials, that a note accompany each Special telling about her needs for prayer, her birthday, and other information that would be helpful in introducing her to your church members. These dolls may be taken home by a different member each week to help church families become better acquainted with the Special and her field.

**Goal 2.** Mention birthdays of Specials in the church bulletin, *allowing time* for cards and letters to reach their destination. Your minister will appreciate a telephone call or a note, reminding him of the birthdays.

**Goal 3.** Request your minister to mention the names of Specials in the Sunday morning prayer, at least once each quarter of the year. Follow your request with a reminder. This is a good suggestion for the prayer service, too.

**Goal 4.** Exhibit posters, Pen Sketches, letters, and other items of interest in your church foyer. Every member of your church should *know your specials.* You are the one to tell your church members. It might be possible to mimeograph letters you have received from Specials and distribute them at the close of the Sunday morning service. Short news items may be included in the church bulletin from time to time.

**Goal 5.** Present a five-minute talk in each circle early in the year to create interest. Plan this with the program committee. Make the talk short, to the point and full of interest with a practical suggestion for birthday or Christmas remembrances.

**Goal 6.** Keep a workbook. Your workbook should contain helpful information for your successor. Someone told me about her goal: "I will give success to my successor." Let each one of us make it her goal, too.

**Goal 7.** Be familiar with ways to work better through division meetings. Refer to *Leader's Guide* and *Goals.*

**Goal 8.** Make a list of potential leaders for the nominating committee.

**Goal 9.** Pray daily. Join others the world over in prayers for God's kingdom to come. Pray as you work.

## WANTED!

### Thousands of Religious Christmas Pictures

There is a call from the Rev. Leonard A. Crain, for used Christmas cards with religious pictures. Omit pictures with halos over the heads of Mary and Jesus.

Cut the religious picture from the card, to lighten postage and send at once. Air mail in small packages—if they are to arrive on time—to the Rev. Leonard A. Crain, in care of the American Baptist Mission, Mandalay, Burma.

These pictures will be sent out in kits so that Christian people in Burma may make their own Christmas cards this year. Messages are to be printed in the Baptist print shop in Burma.

This is a DO IT NOW project! If it should be too late for your package to reach Burma for use for this coming Christmas, do not be discouraged. Send your pictures to Burma anyway. Another year is coming.

## RECIPE FOR THANKFULNESS

*From* Nina Bowers,

*For health:* I am grateful for health and strength to carry on a very full program of teaching and preaching in villages and churches. When I see those who cannot walk, I am grateful that I can walk miles.

*For a comfortable bed:* Sleep for two or three weeks on a thirty-inch-wide cot under a mosquito net that eliminates breeze as well as mosquitoes. Follow this with a few nights on a spring mattress, and appreciation is guaranteed.

*For food:* This year when thousands are homeless and have had standing crops washed away by floods, we are grateful for food and safety. Particularly with respect to food we have learned with Paul "in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content."

*For consecrated leaders:* I think of a group of well-educated church school teachers who carried on a lively discussion and made far-reaching plans. I remember a church secretary who gave three days of his vacation to take us to the homes of church members.

*For salvation and the privilege of making the way known to others:* When we see the elaborate floats and decorations, hear the fireworks, and realize the money spent for puja worship and the fear of superstition that produce such worship, we rejoice in knowing God who must be worshiped in spirit and truth.

"In every thing give thanks: . . ." (1 Thess. 5:18).

# To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Service

From: Ruth McKinney (Mrs. Wade McKinney)
*National Vice-President of Christian Service*
*Division of Christian Service*
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 3410 East 137th Street, Cleveland, Ohio

***Greetings to you,***
***Vice-Presidents of Christian Service!***

Summer ends and fall begins! Was the summer a very busy season for you? Yes, there were state house parties and the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, and, of course, the program to be planned for the year ahead. I hope, however, that you found some time for real rest so that refreshed in body, mind and spirit you can enter with enthusiasm into the work which looms ahead.

## LOVE GIFT

It was a thrilling moment when the total Love Gift for 1956 was announced on Woman's Day in Philadelphia, during the inspiring program commemorating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Love Gift. A total of $516,813.18 was given during 1956 by American Baptist women through their Love Gifts to the missionary outreach of our denomination through the Unified Budget. Is not our goal of five hundred thousand dollars—set for 1957—one which we can—and will—surpass?

It is suggested that each Woman's Society across our American Baptist Convention features at its October meeting the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Service which was presented on Woman's Day in Philadelphia, May 29, 1957. This service is printed on pages 23 and 24 of this issue of The American Baptist Woman. This will be an effective way to tell the story of the Love Gift to all the women in your society and increased giving to the Love Gift will probably result.

For *state* and *association* meetings the slides and script for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Service—used on Woman's Day in Philadelphia—may be rented by sending your request with two dollars to Mrs. Lester P. Wager, national chairman of the Love Gift, 189 Aberdeen Street, Rochester 11, New York. Be sure to place order well in advance of date of program.

Let us start our second twenty-five years with renewed interest in our gifts of love for missions.

## WHITE CROSS

*State* and *association* chairmen of White Cross have you received your "Overseas White Cross Bulletin for August"? The Bulletins were mailed by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies to the *state* chairmen of White Cross. Sufficient copies were sent to each *state* chairman to enable her to send one copy to each *association* chairman. Association chairmen will communicate with local chairmen of White Cross.

Vice-presidents of Christian Service have you checked to see whether your chairmen—state and association chairmen of White Cross—have received their copies of the "Overseas White Cross Bulletin for August"? Local vice-presidents of Christian Service have you checked to see whether your chairman of White Cross has received information from her association chairman of White Cross?

Be sure to order a copy of the *revised* White Cross Manual. Order from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, or from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York. There is no charge for this *revised* manual.

It is important that we keep ourselves informed regarding that which is going on in these times of shifting emphases in types of quotas so that we can be as helpful as possible to our chairmen of White Cross. Work with your chairmen to see that *all quotas* are filled and sent to the proper destination—indicated on quota —*on time.*

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS

To see—as a Christian—the responsibility of the Church in the areas of discrimination, segregation and integration is to feel—to some degree—Christ's love and compassion for all mankind. To feel this love and compassion will lead to action and the finding of solutions to these problems.

The home-mission study theme for this year, "Christ, the Church and Race," gives Christian Social Relations a challenging opportunity to advance its program. We can see that the theme is not only studied but given action.

As vice-presidents of Christian Service we must sincerely study the conditions of minority peoples who suffer indignities because of race. It is not merely a problem in our country but is present around the world.

With open minds and hearts we must intelligently face the fact that we have a responsibility as individual Christian women to eradicate inequalities which stem from race. We cannot obtain results in other lands until we have made our own land more truly Christian.

In our immediate communities there are needs for racial understanding of which we may not be aware. At the Convention, in Philadelphia, during a buzz

session on "Finding Spiritual Courage" the following questions were discussed:

How can we help to achieve an integrated community and church?

1. What holds us back?
2. What next steps can we take in our communities and churches?

It became evident that many women who live where there are no other racial groups feel no concern. Is this situation not a challenge to vice-presidents of Christian Service? We must be aware and we must pass on to our counterparts this awareness, that so long as there is a lack of equality of opportunity and justice for any member of society in any part of our nation, we, as Christian women, have a responsibility and should feel a vital concern.

Yes, this theme, "Christ, the Church and Race," carries a great challenge and reveals our obligation. Let us make this year meaningful and productive by positive and constructive action that will create better understanding and conditions in your area and in my area. Decide upon one goal in this respect. Share your goal and accomplishment with me that through THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN we may help others to follow your lead.

## REPORTS

A hearty "thank you" goes to each of you for submitting your reports fairly well on time. One report only failed to reach me.

May I suggest that you at this time start to remind your counterparts and chairmen that records must be carefully kept during the year in order that reporting time may not be difficult, and that reports shall be accurate and submitted on time.

Let us strive for 100 per cent in reporting from all of our churches this year!

## OUR MANUAL

For another year we are offering to you our Christian Service Manual "Inasmuch." *After* the White Cross quota has been filled, the patterns in "Inasmuch" may be used for additional handwork.

The Guild of Intercessors can open up a vast source of power by organizing into prayer groups the shut-in members of the churches. Many of our shut-ins, unable to leave their homes, would also be very happy to knit, crochet or sew for our societies. This will give them a feeling of being really useful and of belonging.

The "Service Roll" in our Manual will not be promoted this year. It was discussed fully in our conference in Philadelphia and the consensus was that it did not serve the intended purpose. Therefore, other means should be sought for enlisting inactive women. The responsibility for the inactive women in our churches has been put into the Division of the First Vice-President. (See pages 5 and 6 in this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN.) However, it should be the responsibility of each one of us to interest every woman in our church to serve in some capacity. So we, whose business is Christian service, shall continue to hold this as of real interest. If you have succeeded in any way to put all or most of your women into action, please share your plan with us. Today as in Christ's day the harvest is plentiful, and the laborers are far too few.

## THE LEAVEN OF LOVE

*[Synopsis of Scenes and Directions for Production of Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program on pages 23 and 24.]*

The program may be produced with living tableaux and posters placed on an easel, drawing curtains between scenes. If a simpler presentation is desired, the suggested pictures and posters may be placed in order on an easel and changed by two women acting as "heralds." A spotlight focused on the tableaux or posters would enhance the production. In a small society mounted pictures from *Missions, Crusader,* or religious picture sets and flash cards may be used.

**Scene I:** Tableau: Madonna and manger; *or* Pictures: "The Arrival of the Shepherds," Lerolle; "The Crucifixion," Clementz; "Jesus and the Children," Copping.

**Scene II:** Tableau: Woman in ancient Grecian costume holding a scroll; *or* Picture: "A Church Outdoors," Coleman, (Primary Picture Set, Year 3, No. 5, Spring).

**Scene III:** Tableau: Woman, costume 1870's, placing two cents in silver-colored, cylindrical mite box (small can covered with foil); *or* Poster: drawing of similar box and printed slogan: "Two Cents a Day and a Prayer."

**Scene IV:** Tableau: Woman looking at poster with words: "1932—Goal $150,000—'Every Cloud has a silver lining'" (drawn within outline of cloud); *or* Poster.

**Scene V:** Tableau: Teacher showing picture of Jesus to a child, poster on easel at side: "Love Gift—Goal $100,000; 1938-1939—$78,680; 1940-1941—$100,089;" *or* Poster only.

**Scene VI:** Tableau: Nurse in uniform bandaging arm of a patient, poster on easel: "1943-1944—Goal $150,000; Love Gift, $151,978"; *or* Picture: "The Healer" by Copping and poster on separate easels.

**Scene VII:** Tableau: Woman seated at table containing Bible, former Love Gift box, globe of world; *or* Poster of silver dollar divided into proportionate segments representing items of Baptist World Mission Budget. See leaflet: "Have You Seen the Family Lately?"

**Scene VIII:** Tableau: Missionary in foreign costume looking at poster: "Love Gift 1954-1955—$462,704," then holds up poster: "1956 Love Gift—$516,813.18, *or* two posters with the seal of the National Council of American Baptist Women and the amounts.

**Scene IX:** Worship Center: "Head of Christ," Sallman, Love Gift box (center), globe of world.

**Offering:** While soloist sings "Take My Life and Let It Be" (all verses) women come forward and place Love Gifts before the worship center. As they return, they form a friendship circle around the room, joining hands while the prayer of dedication is offered.

# To the Chairmen of the Love Gift

From: Ruth Wager (Mrs. Lester P. Wager)
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*Division of Christian Service*
National Council of American Baptist Women
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## THE LEAVEN OF LOVE

**25th Anniversary Program for use in October meetings.**

*[Directions and synopsis of scenes are printed in column two, page 22, through the courtesy of the vice-president of Christian Service.]*

### Scene I

Leader: Love is the *first* Love Gift. God so loved that he gave his only Son, his Love Gift to all mankind, that the world might know that God is love.

Reader: Christ loved us and gave—gave long nights in prayer, long days proclaiming God's love, long hours on the cross—gave life itself, a sacrifice for love.

Leader: "We love because he first loved us."
"By this all men will know that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another."
"Love for the elderly, love for the young,
Love for the needy, the unloved, the unsung."
Love for the children of God throughout his world.
Love pours forth with lavish hand
Its gifts for God to every land.

### Scene II

Reader: Love for God brought together a small group of women at Philippi almost two thousand years ago. Joyously they heard the good news of Jesus, the Christ, and founded the first Christian church in Europe. Love prompted this church to offer the first gifts for missions, given to Paul, the first Christian missionary. For he wrote, "And you, Philippians, yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel—no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving except you only." "I am filled, having received the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God." Thus, the first Love Gifts were offered by the Philippian women who "labored side by side" with Paul in the gospel "whose names are in the book of life."

### Scene III

Leader: Down through the years countless women inspired by the love of Christ have offered their gifts. Another band of women were the first among Baptists in America to form a group specifically for mission work. In 1800, they organized the Boston Female Society for Missionary Purposes. It promoted "female mite and cent societies" throughout Massachusetts and raised $150 for home missions in its first year. Loving concern for the world led to the formation of a Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society in 1871. Their dream for their very first year—"six missionaries all their own in Burma"—came true through offerings of two cents a week. Six years later the Baptist Home Mission Societies were organized. Baptist women all over the land received mite boxes in which they lovingly placed many small gifts to bring women and children of our own and other lands to know Jesus Christ. "The mite box stood on the table, and was used as a 'thankful box' when any member of the family was thankful for some blessing; as a 'spot box' when anything was spilled on the cloth; as a 'self-denial box' when a sister went without something for herself and gave the money to Christ."

### Scene IV

Reader: It is the year 1932! The hearts of Baptist women are deeply stirred—a depression—a deficit of one-half a million dollars in Baptist mission work! Recall some of our missionaries? Close certain mission fields? Baptist women responded: "It must not come to pass; we will offer our gifts of love for missions." Knowing the power of small gifts offered by large numbers of women, the Committee on Conference, then directing women's work, voted on June 7, 1932, that our Baptist women raise $150,000 through the use of gift boxes. Thus there was born the gift of love of American Baptist women. And the leaven of love began to work within their hearts. And love spread forth leavening the lives of men with the love of Christ. The first boxes were called "Silver Boxes" for they bore the inscription, "Every cloud has a silver lining" and their contents helped to lift the clouds of depression and doubt from Baptist mission fields.

Leader: Joyfully the gift boxes were accepted and in the following years it was voted to continue their use. Every woman in every Baptist church was asked to give "A prayer a day and a gift a day." In those early years no record was kept of the amount of the giving of the churches to missions. But the women rejoiced that they had increased the gifts to our total missionary enterprise.

### Scene V

Reader: And the leaven of love, working through their gifts, reached out to touch the hearts of little children in Christian centers as they were told the stories of Jesus their friend. Youth were challenged to walk in the footsteps of the divine teacher by the ministry of Baptist schools and colleges throughout the United States and in Latin America.

LEADER: In the year 1939, a record was made of all the gifts from churches large and churches small. The tidings of good news rang out that the sum of all the gift boxes was $78,680. But $100,000 was the goal and love raised the gifts above that goal in 1941.

**Scene VI**

READER: *"Love"* was the theme for that historic year and the women's offering was christened the "Love Gift." For love inspired the gift. Love offered it to Christ. Love sped it o'er the earth to tell the love of God. And the leaven of love worked mightily, increasing the goal to $150,000 with a "plus" gift of $100,000, pledged to the World Emergency Fund.

LEADER: Love sent a healing hand to the heart of Africa, to India, to Burma, to Chile, Japan and to the Philippines in the name of the Great Physician. Gifts of love ministered for Christ through home missions from Alaska to Nicaragua.

READER: The leaven of love could not be constrained for the gifts multiplied from year to year and great was the joy of the women as love offered a gift even beyond the increased goal of $150,000 in 1944.

**Scene VII**

LEADER: Love pierced through even the darkness of a world at war. For Baptist women dared to double their goal to $300,000 that the peace of God might return to the nations in chaos. The women responded. "This warring world is desperately in need of the hope and love which only Christ can give and we women in America are blessed far beyond our worthiness." Such is the power of love. The gifts increased as love increased and the women praised God when the dramatic announcement was made in San Francisco, in 1949, that their new goal was surpassed with a gift of $311,222.

READER: Wisely the decision was made that the Love Gift should be used to undergird the Baptist World Mission Budget. "For budgets unified are gifts multiplied like the loaves, the fishes, the cruse of oil, the leaven of true devotion leavening the whole world.

LEADER: The women rejoice that through their gifts they share in preaching the glad tidings of the kingdom of God at home and abroad.

READER: They assist in the higher education of ministers and missionaries to serve our American Baptist churches and world missions. Love Gifts also aid the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board in its ministry to those whose lives have been spent in service.

LEADER: Every area of our Convention work is assisted by our gifts of love, whether it be the Council on Missionary Cooperation, Department of Baptist Films, our American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin, or laywomen's work such as our own National Council.

**Scene VIII**

READER: Love set a dream in the hearts of the women that every woman in every American Baptist church should be bound in a closer fellowship that even greater miracles might be accomplished through worshiping, working and witnessing together. The dream came true in the birth of the National Council of American Baptist Women in 1951. Prayerfully the women continued the Love Gift as their special contribution to missions. Their hearts were in their gifts for love raised the gifts to $363,957 that year. And our missionaries rejoiced for their work was expanded.

LEADER: Through twenty-five silver years the leaven of love has spread forth, preaching the gospel of Christ, teaching the Word of God, healing in the name of the Great Physician. And the over and above gifts of love increased until in the year 1954-1955 the Love Gift reached a total of $462,704.

READER: In 1956, the Love Gift year was changed to conform with the fiscal year of our Convention. As a fitting climax to our twenty-fifth anniversary celebration we rejoice that the leaven of love raised our women's Love Gift in 1956 to the magnificent total of $516,813. During the twenty-five years, love has poured out a grand total of approximately $5,500,000 in Love Gifts. And the leaven of love will not be constrained for it is love-in-action, working from within the hearts of American Baptist women through Baptist missionaries: inspired evangelists, consecrated teachers, devout doctors, in Baptist schools, hospitals and Christian Centers where men, women and children, touched by the leaven of love, come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

**Scene IX**

LEADER: Our Love Gift box—a mite box—
But with mighty power when we with hearts overflowing
With love and gratitude for Christ place our gifts
Of silver coins or dollars blessed by him.
Then Love goes forth proclaiming God's own Holy Word,
Transforming lives by bringing them to Christ,
Leavening the whole wide world with love divine.

READER: Christ loved us and gave—until even he
Could give no more—his all-compassing love,
His very life that we might live.
So must we give—our gifts from ever-open hands,
Our love from overflowing hearts, our lives
In dedication spent, that the leaven of love
May lift his cross o'er all the earth and draw all men
To worship him as Lord, the Saviour of mankind.

OFFERING: SPECIAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY LOVE GIFTS.

SOLOIST: "Take My Life and Let It Be"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: Our Father, we place our gifts of love in thy hands outstretched to a needy world.
We bow in gratitude before thee for the miracles which thou hast performed through our Love Gifts.
"Five and twenty years providing
Extra funds for mission fields,
Who can estimate the blessing
And the harvest that it yields?
But the need grows ever greater,
So our gifts must larger grow;
And the love that prompts our giving
Must in us no limit know.
As Christ gave his life to save us,
His the very best Love Gift,
May we, without reservation,
Lives to him in service lift." *Amen.*

# To the Chairmen of White Cross

From: Pauline Brownell (Mrs. A. T. Brownell)
*National Chairman of White Cross*
*Division of Christian Service*
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 125 South Webster Avenue, Jacksonville, Illinois

*Greetings to all Chairmen of White Cross:*

Paul, in writing to the churches in Asia, addressed to the church at Ephesus a letter which has been read by other Christians throughout the centuries. In this letter is found the verse chosen to give inspiration to the chairmen of White Cross: ". . . but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need" (Ephesians 4:28 RSV).

Our missionaries, as they minister to meet the *spiritual* need of all men—everywhere—to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, require the materials we send through White Cross as they serve in alleviating *physical* need. May we prayerfully work to fill our quotas *accurately* and *completely* to give to those in need.

## WHAT TO DO WITH WHITE CROSS QUOTAS

• **When the quota arrives . . .**

**Pray** for wisdom and guidance in following directions and for understanding the needs to be met through the quota.

**Read** the directions very carefully.

**Communicate** with your vice-president of Christian Service and together consider the quota.

**Total** the cost of filling the quota: include the cost of materials; figure approximate cost of mailing; and if it is an Overseas assignment, add the additional 35 cents for each pound which is the cost of shipping to the mission field.

**Study** possibilities of meeting the total cost: Is there an item in your society's budget for White Cross? If not, is it possible to count on your members to make contributions sufficient to cover the cost of the entire quota?

**Consider,** with your committee, all that is involved in filling the quota assigned to you.

**Let** your association chairman of White Cross know at once whether your society:

1. Agrees to fill the entire quota.

2. Finds it too great a burden; therefore is filling only a part of the quota and is returning the remaining portion to her.

3. Realizes it can do more; therefore is requesting an additional amount.

• **When you work on the quota . . .**

**Begin** each session with prayer. Only as God blesses our efforts and materials can they really bring honor to his name.

**Assemble** all materials. Have available tools with which to work, including patterns and models.

**Allow** ample time to complete the quota.

**Encourage** as many women as are needed to participate in the work.

**Be prepared** to give as much information—during the session—as possible about the mission field to which the supplies are being sent; the people for whom they are intended and the missionary who is helping these people to know Christ. This will take time to prepare, so plan well in advance of work period. Send three cents for each Pen Sketch of Overseas missionaries to the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.; send three cents for each Pen Sketch of Overland missionaries to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Watch for pertinent material in *Missions, Crusader, A Book of Remembrance,* and your state Baptist publications. With much appearing in the public press, you can easily clip items from that source. It will be helpful to have a map on which you may point out the place where the quota will be used.

**Close** each work session with prayer.

• **When the quota is finished . . .**

**Read** again your quota.

**Be certain** each item has been completed exactly as directed.

**Have an exhibit** of the finished quota. Items may be displayed at a monthly meeting of the society, or at a service where the entire church family may see what has been done.

**Follow** the shipping instructions on each sheet very carefully. There is a difference in Overland (home) and Overseas (foreign) instructions. Be sure to use the new forms provided this year with the Overseas quota.

**Conduct a service** of dedication before your quota is sent on its way for use in the name of the Master.

• **When you report . . .**

**Report** to your association chairman of White Cross at the time designated on the report. No delay, please!

**Keep a copy** of your records in your workbook. In-

clude all materials that give you aid in doing your work well.

### QUOTA PLUS

If your society desires more work, ask your association chairman of White Cross whether she has any work not assigned. There are dresses to be made and other clothing and many items listed on the sheet for Mather Sales House.

When you have *completed* your quota assignment, take a project from *Inasmuch,* the manual for the division of Christian Service. The vice-president of Christian Service has the direction for, as well as the reporting of, this work done by your society.

### A NEW CHAIRMAN TAKES OVER

#### Introduction

When a new chairman of White Cross is elected and installed in the local society, the former chairman of White Cross writes to the association chairman of White Cross, giving her the new chairman's name and address. If distance does not prohibit, the introduction may be made in person. A personal or written introduction gives the association chairman an opportonity to welcome the new local chairman and to offer assistance to her as she takes up her new work.

Likewise, the association chairman writes to the state chairman of White Cross and introduces her successor, and the state chairman of White Cross writes to the chairman of White Cross of the National Council of American Baptist Women when a state chairman is elected to succeed her.

Such courtesy is appreciated by those with whom we work and by those who succeed us in office.

#### Workbook

A new chairman needs help when she takes office. She will value greatly the workbook that is up-to-date and turned over to her promptly.

The workbook should include a calendar, indicating when quotas are expected, when reports are due, and giving deadlines when articles for publication must be submitted.

Much time and expense can be saved if those going out of office pass on to their successors the materials they found helpful.

### THANK YOU, BAPTISTS OF PHILADELPHIA

We wish to express sincere appreciation and deep gratitude to the committee and all those who did so much to provide the excellent White Cross booth in the Exhibit Hall during our American Baptist Convention in May 1957. We give special thanks to: Mrs. Forrest B. Fordham, chairman, Mrs. Robert Mills, Mrs. Harry Peppel, Mrs. Charles Parkinson, Mrs. George Erdman, Mrs. Mary Boblasky, and to all others who helped so much.

We also acknowledge with sincere gratitude the cooperation and valuable assistance of Mrs. Milo E. Wenger, secretary, department of special services, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and to Mrs. Frank A. Sharp, of the public relations department of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies.

### DIVISION MEETING

Eighty-eight women attended the conference on White Cross on Woman's Day in Philadelphia. It was a pleasure to greet each one.

During the conference Mrs. Carl D. Locke, of the Christian Center in Kansas City, reminded us to send by *December first* the portion of Overland quota intended for Christmas gifts. This applies to all Christian Centers and places where we have quotas to meet Christmas needs. The workers want to be sure that each child will be remembered. If we are late in sending our packages, they have no opportunity to make other provisions.

President Eleanor Anderson of Mather School, Beaufort, South Carolina, made this request: "Please put a return address—which includes a *person's* name and complete address—on each box. It will help us in thanking you and we *are* truly thankful." On page 26 of the winter issue, 1956-1957, of The American Baptist Woman, the following suggestion was made: "Mail the boxes prepaid, marked White Cross, and addressed to Mather School, Beaufort, South Carolina. Do send along a stamped postal card addressed to the person sending the box, so that the box may be acknowledged with as little trouble as possible by the missionary." The self-addressed, stamped postal card will help; the return address—which includes a *person's* name and complete address—is important.

### REPORT ON THE CASH QUOTA FOR SOUTH INDIA

Last fall when an experiment was made to furnish cash in lieu of materials for South India, it was figured that if each woman gave twenty-five cents the amount necessary would be provided. Some gave less, but many responded with more. Contributions to the cash quota amounted to $26,189.04 as of April 30. Consequently, funds have been allocated to purchase on the field the medical supplies which have been requisitioned. The cash quota raised this year will make it possible to continue the purchase of supplies on the field not only for the remainder of this year but for the twelve to eighteen-month period preceding the arrival in South India of shipment of medical supplies from this country, which recent developments make it possible to resume in 1958. Appreciation to all who responded so willingly in this emergency call!

### ARE THESE NEW IDEAS TO YOU?

Some states use a bulk-buying plan. In one state each society sends ten dollars to the state treasurer of the Woman's Society to establish a fund from which the state chairman of White Cross may draw for large purchases. She may use this fund for buying dolls when several of one kind are desired, or for securing sheets, surgical supplies and other things at wholesale prices.

**An Illinois group** uses the following idea for supplying the needs of Mather: Roll call is answered by bringing an item listed on the Mather sheet. In this way a much desired box may be ready to send for Christmas gifts or for other needs.

# To the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations

**From: Nymah Vaux (Mrs. Harvey E. Vaux)**
***National Chairman of Christian Social Relations***
***Department of Christian Service***
**National Council of American Baptist Women**
**Home Address: 815 South 11th Street, Mt. Vernon, Washington**

***Greetings to the Chairmen of Christian Social Relations!***

"I dream of a world where man
No other man will scorn
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its path adorn."
—*Langston Hughes.*

Stretching before us is a new year for Christian Social Relations. Use these days, weeks, and months we must—each in her own way. Not one of us knows what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future. We need not enter it alone! He who has walked with our ancestors through the ages, still leads. He knows the way. We need only to follow.

Let us work in the spirit of Christ with greater insight and courage, to understand our world! In these tense days let us speak courageously and act boldly to bring justice and equality to all people! We believe we are his children in one family and that God is the Father of all races. Our action must prove our belief.

## CALENDAR OF SPECIAL DATES FOR 1957-1958

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| October 16-18, 1957 | Annual United Nations and Foreign Policy Seminar, New York City |
| October 20 | World Order Sunday |
| October 20-27 | United Nation's Week |
| October 31 | "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF |
| November 1 | World Community Day |
| December 10 | Human Rights Day |
| February 1958 | Brotherhood Month |
| February 4-7 | Interdenominational Churchmen's Washington Citizenship Seminar |
| February 9 | Race Relations Sunday |
| April | Report time! |
| May 2 | May Fellowship Day |

## REPORT FROM YOUR UNITED NATION'S CREDITED OBSERVER

**Mrs. George Martin**

This year while we are studying Japan let us remember that she became the eightieth member nation of the United Nations on December 18, 1956! Her delegate took his place in the General Assembly amid applause, and her flag was run up on its pole in front of the United Nations building. This was a historical event. Upon unanimous recommendation of the Security Council, Japan was elected by unanimous vote of the General Assembly. Previously Japan's membership in the United Nations had been blocked by the Soviet Union. However, early in December, 1956, the Soviet and Japanese Governments ratified an agreement which ended the state of war which had existed between those two countries for eleven years. At that time the USSR withdrew the opposition to Japan's membership in the United Nations. A shining example of what time and negotiation can accomplish!

If you are looking for resource material on Japan, to use in a program for children, "Hi Neighbor!" a teaching manual, may be obtained for 15 cents from the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, United Nations, New York. This manual for Japan, *Hi Neighbor, Teaching Manual, Vol. 2, 1956,* deals also with the Belgian Congo, Peru, Portugal and Turkey.

If you are interested in material on India, Korea or Greece, order Vol. 1, 1955, of the "Hi Neighbor" series; price, 15 cents. For one dollar you may obtain a 1957 "Hi Neighbor Kit" which includes material on Guatamala, Nigeria, Philippines and Yugoslovia. There is also available a filmstrip of 34 frames, priced at one dollar, of children using the "Hi Neighbor" program. From this same address, the U. S. Committee for UNICEF, United Nations, New York, you may order a ten-inch long playing record of songs and music for use in folk dances of these various countries. This record is priced at $3.00.

## PLAN FOR A 1957 UNICEF HALLOWEEN

More than 7500 communities celebrated Halloween in 1956 in UNICEF style, by "trick or treating" for children of the world. This was an increase of 1500 towns over the previous year. In 1956, 826 American Baptist churches entered into this project: 196 more Baptist churches than in 1955. Total contributions will exceed $750,000: three-quarters of a million dollars to be transformed into life-saving medicine, milk and other assistance to children and mothers in more than 95 countries and territories.

Begin now to plan and organize your children. Order materials through UNICEF Committee, Trick or Treat, United Nations, New York. The 1957 kit is now available. New films and filmstrips are also available to

show in your schools, churches and societies. Write to the U. S. Committee for UNICF, United Nations, New York.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATION BRUNCHES

The Division of Christian Service recommends that during the year 1957-1958, each chairman of Christian Social Relations urges participation in "CSR Brunches" at which the Resolutions of the American Baptist Convention shall be presented to the members of our churches. Far too often these Resolutions are adopted at a Convention and never read or heard until the next Convention. So, let us each plan a brunch in September or October for the reading and studying of the resolutions as adopted at Philadelphia. A copy of the Resolutions may be obtained from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. One to ten copies, free; 100 copies for $1.00.

Invite a group of friends who are truly concerned. The group need not be large: five or six may start. Perhaps each circle chairman of Christian Social Relations could be invited. If possible, arrange for an interracial group.

**Suggested steps:**

IT IS IMPORTANT TO

1. Read and discuss the Resolutions, especially the resolution on Race Relations.

2. It is essential after the reading and a sufficient study of the Resolutions that the group shall be able to face the problems and issues of human rights as they relate to your own community and church. In *your* community the group concern may be the problem of slum clearance and better housing, adequate schools, the welfare of the Indian American, recently moved from an Indian reservation to your neighborhood. It may be the matter of opening the doors of your church to people of all races; or, indeed, even the right to vote and equal rights to a job without discrimination on the basis of nationality, creed or race.

3. It is necessary to engage as many of the church people as possible in the entire project. Be sure at all times that everyone who is interested knows the true facts. One may become well informed through the newspapers, the radio, television, panel discussions and forums, as well as the pulpit.

4. It is imperative that your church members, after they have become informed and have related the facts to your community and its needs, to speak courageously and act boldly in the spirit of Christ that justice and equality may be obtained for all people.

## RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES, 1957-1958

Our home-mission study theme is "Christ, the Church and Race." This certainly gives us our opportunity to witness and speak in the field of race relations.

◆ Refer to "Literature Highlights," "Friends Through Books," and the catalogue of films from the American Baptist Film Library.

◆ Read *Sense and Nonsense About Race,* by Ethel J. Alpenfels; *The Kingdom Beyond Caste,* by Liston Pope; *Progress Against Prejudice,* by Robert Root; the *Crusader* and *Missions,* and other books and periodicals listed in "Friends Through Books."

◆ Use some of the audio-visual aids: "Crossroads at Cedarmont," a filmstrip, or "The Broken Mask," a thirty-minute, color-sound motion picture.

◆ Present "Day of Decision," the play written by Mrs. Ralph Brown, eastern vice-president of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Order from the Department of Christian Friendliness, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Price, 25 cents.

## CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEES

Christian Social Action Committees are too few in number in our churches if our annual reports are an accurate indication. Only 279 of our American Baptist churches report having such a committee. The Rev. Raymond J. Nielsen, Morgantown, West Virginia, has written clearly and concisely, in "A Letter to Christian Citizens," concerning the need of such a committee and of its opportunities in the church. Obtain, read, distribute "A Letter to Christian Citizens" from the Council on Christian Social Progress, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Free of charge.

Urge the appointment of a Christian Social Action Committee in your church. Be sure that you, as chairman of Christian Social Relations in the Woman's Society, become a member of the committee.

## THE LAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Lay Development Program will include a section on "Community Witness" which is our concern. As chairman of Christian Social Relations, make your presence felt as you witness and attend this particular section of the program this fall and winter.

## FOREIGN STUDENTS

With 40,000 students from other countries in our colleges, hospitals and clinics, American Baptists should be entertaining and becoming better acquainted with many more than the 4,000 reported on our report blanks this year.

Our first responsibility is to offer our friendship. We should strive to help the student in finding a church home of his own communion. Visit the student where he is living and see how comfortable he is and what may be some of his needs. Invite the student to attend your church. Finally, extend hospitality in your own home—not just one Sunday and then be forgotten, but often—to develop a relationship that brings the student and the family into a personal relation and gives him a feeling of a "home away from home."

## SET A GOAL

Each local chairman of Christian Social Relations should find at least two areas in which to work this year. Set a goal and build a program. Be sure you have your copy of "Objectives" to help you.

# To the Vice-Presidents of Christian Training

From: Ruth Rohlfs (Mrs. Marcus Rohlfs)
*National Vice-President of Christian Training*
*Division of Christian Training*
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 5500 55th South, Seattle 8, Washington

### *A Happy New Year to You!*

"How mixed up can you get?" my thirteen-year-old son would probably say. But what he might not know is that at our annual meeting on Woman's Day, May 29, 1957, preceding the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia, the National Council of American Baptist Women held its sixth annual meeting and launched into a *new program year.* So again I say, "Happy New Year," and I hope you will find your job as vice-president of Christian Training during this coming year challenging, fruitful and satisfying.

Since there also have been annual meetings and elections for our women in states, associations and churches, I know some of you are assuming the responsibility of vice-president of Christian Training for the first time. To you, I extend a cordial welcome! If we can help one another, Christian Training will be strengthened throughout our denomination.

### DOES OUR ORGANIZATION SEEM COMPLICATED?

Don't be impatient with organization. It is the engine which moves the vehicle in progressing from place to place. If that engine is not properly designed and any moving part interferes with another moving part, or if some part which should function does not move at all, or if the fuel is chocked and the necessary production of power is blocked, then the purpose for which that engine was built is defeated and it becomes a useless thing. This is true also of organization—and applies to our suggested organization for women's work in particular, whether it be for national, state, association or local society women's work.

In the first place, as we think of *all* of our Baptist women at work, we immediately recognize that we have small, medium, and large societies, which are a part of small, medium and large churches in rural, town and city settings.

In the second place, we are dealing with women who are highly skilled, with women of little or no experience, with women who possess great capacity but have had little opportunity for training, and with women whose abilities would be meaningless in some fields but who can make great contributions in others. There are those women who are willing and generous with their time, and those who are indifferent. There are women in all age groups; there are housewives, business or professional women. Some are busy women, some women of leisure, and among them all may be lonely women. For each one of these who are a part of our total constituency, we hold a loving concern. We want them to know that we are always needing and awaiting their interest, and desiring to include them in the task to which we are committed.

Before we proceed further, you who are new officers may want to know the purpose of our organization. Our constitution says it is "to unite Baptist women in their devotion to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, through a program that will cultivate a missionary spirit and a definite commitment to active participation in attaining the objectives of the American Baptist Convention."

It is important, therefore, that we have a similar pattern of organization which may be used nationally by the National Council of American Baptist Women, and by state and association societies, and by small, medium or large local societies in country, town and city churches.

Because there may be only a limited number of women to assume the necessary responsibilities in the smaller societies, there is a modified form of organization offered for these societies. Nevertheless, it is important that the same terminology be used and the same general framework of organization be carried through in order that necessary areas of our work may be covered, and that our plans and discussions, or messages and materials may be directed to, and received by those who need and use these helps. For instance, in each area of our organization—local, association, state and national—there is one person designated to carry the work for Family Life. This plan lends continuity to our procedure and we each know to whom questions, materials and suggestions should be sent in a given area. At conferences, house parties and workshops, it becomes a simple matter to bring together the leaders with similar interests. In addition to the efficiency and convenience which this method of organization affords is the understanding of our work and a sense of unity which comes to each of us which could not be felt if each group were to set up officers and chairmen all carrying a variety of responsibilities.

### TOO MANY JOBS TO ASSIGN?

While there are women who are not participating in our work, there can never be too many jobs to assign. The women we lose are seldom those who are active: active as leaders in one area of work and as followers

in another; active as teachers at one time, as learners at another; but active always.

## ACTIVITY LEADS TO GROWTH

As we participate in discussion and action we grow. Having done well with one assignment, we move into another, recognizing there is much which is new to be learned and to be accomplished.

## PUTTING FIRST THINGS FIRST

Putting first things first is always important, but especially is it necessary where the membership in a society is small to think through together the greatest needs for a specific year and concentrate upon doing a few things *well*. In a following year put major effort on some other phase of development and area of service.

The National Council of American Baptist Women —although it is far from small—is doing just that: it is placing emphasis upon one specific area of its work each year. Last year the emphasis was on stewardship; this year on Program Planning. As we look forward to the coming years, the National Council of American Baptist Women hopes to follow through with the emphasis of the year highlighted in the program on Woman's Day and at the National Women's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin, as well as in the fall training program.

## WHY HAVE VICE-PRESIDENTS?

A book on parliamentary procedure which I read recently listed the vice-president under "Reports of Officers" with the comment "usually no report." Indeed! Indeed! The author certainly was not familiar with the organization of our American Baptist Women. Vice-Presidents in the National Council of American Baptist Women, and in state, association and local Woman's Baptist Mission Societies do not feel like fifth wheels, unless they are thinking of the fifth wheel as the steering wheel. As vice-presidents we not only have a share in the planning, execution and interpretation of our total work, but as the head of a division we serve as a chairman of a committee. The three chairmen in each division with the vice-president constitute a committee. Each of these vice-presidents or chairmen—in addition to her own work—has a responsibility for the work of the total division. In our case, as vice-presidents of the division of Christian Training, we carry with our chairmen the responsibility for training in Spiritual Life, Family Life and Leadership Training among women. Each one of the chairmen, under your leadership, has a part in the total concern of the division and helps to build the activities calendar for the division. Therefore, the chairman of Christian Family Life not only studies, plans and advances the work of Family Life, but in the regular division meetings she recommends materials, makes suggestions, points out opportunities for service, and recognizes the relation between her own work and that of other areas. And Family Life is not *her* interest alone! We *all* share it. When policy on immediate projects or long-range planning is to be determined, the decisions should be made, if possible, in a group meeting of our division.

As a vice-president you are the official source of information between the executive group and your chairmen: for example, if the executive committee—or the president—desires your chairman of Leadership Training to assume a specific responsibility, the request is made through you. Then you and your chairman of Leadership Training are invited to sit in on the planning of projects which are related to her work in your division: for example, the Conference on Program Planning to be held this fall.

## BE ALERT

As a vice-president it is important that you see that the chairmen serving with you in your division are supplied with the necessary tools. Each chairman should have received from her predecessor a workbook, completely up to date. Refer to pages 29 and 30 in the winter, 1956, and spring, 1957, issues of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN for a list of the needed tools.

## BE SENSITIVE

Be sensitive to the needs of the chairmen in your division—chairman of Spiritual Life, chairman of Family Life, chairman of Leadership Training—and to the women in your Woman's Society in the area of Christian Training. Try to discover ways and means to meet these needs.

Remember that you, too, must continue to study and grow or you will have nothing to pass on to those who are looking to you for leadership.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR MEETING SOME NEEDS

◆ Refer both to familiar and to new materials.

◆ Demonstrate and promote different methods of participation.

◆ Make use of visual aids.

◆ Remember that interest and participation are necessary to relieve insecurity and indifference.

◆ Share with us your wisdom, your good ideas, your successful methods, your effective materials that other vice-presidents of Christian Training may use in meeting their needs.

◆ Tell us your needs that other vice-presidents of Christian Training may work with us in suggesting ways to meet them.

## INFORMATION TID-BITS

In the future, the responsibility for contact with Service Personnel will be that of the Division of Christian Education, of the Baptist Board of Education and Publication. This work will be carried on in the churches in the same manner as Counseling to Students. Where no work is being done for Service Personnel, or for Student Counseling, you, as vice-president of Christian Training and your chairman of Family Life should interest the church Board of Education in making the necessary appointments for giving attention to these two very important areas of work.

# To the Chairmen of Spiritual Life

From: KATHERINE H. MARSTALLER
(Mrs. Charles A. Marstaller) (right)
Introducing: NADINE SCHULTZ
(Mrs. Walter Schultz) (left)
*National Chairman of Spiritual Life*
*Division of Christian Training*
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 304 South Tama Street,
Boone, Iowa

*Greetings to you, Chairmen of Spiritual Life!*

It is interesting to think of all you dear people who will be receiving this fall issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN. Copies will go to the east, the midwest and the west to greet some of you who are on vacation and to others who are in the midst of a busy season. For all of you I pray for an awareness of the ever-present God who is able to meet our every need.

## APPRECIATION

It is difficult to express my appreciation for all of you chairmen: local, association and state. Your faithfulness and cooperation have helped greatly in keeping the channels clear so that plans and materials reached the women in the churches.

I have been grateful for the fine example which you have set as active leaders in your area. May God bless you every one: those who have recently retired from office and those who are continuing or newly elected chairmen. It has been a rewarding privilege to have shared in the fellowship of chairmen of Spiritual Life.

## WELCOME TO NEW NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

On Woman's Day in Philadelphia, May 29, 1957, Mrs. Walter Schultz was appointed the national chairman of Spiritual Life. A former state president of Iowa, Mrs. Schultz is now serving on The Baptist Board of Education and Publication and is a representative from that board to the National Council of American Baptist Women. In Mrs. Schultz we shall have a consecrated and devoted leader in Spiritual Life.

I am sure you will want to give Mrs. Schultz a warm welcome as our new national chairman. Pray for her, write to her and work with her.

## WORKSHOPS ON SPIRITUAL LIFE

Philadelphia was the place of a great gathering of Baptists last May. It was a time of deep inspiration for all who attended this Convention at which recognition was made of special anniversaries in our Baptist history.

Although I could not remain for the entire Convention, I considered my special high spot the workshop on Spiritual Life, which was held on Woman's Day. Over seventy-five women were registered and nearly all of them were chairmen of local, association or state societies. We had a good time discussing our special work which is striving to deepen the spiritual life of women—a work so important in our whole world. We may not have come up with any new findings, but it seemed to us that we all gained a better understanding of the work we are trying to do.

No doubt each of you has been participating in a similar workshop in the house party in your state. If so, won't you take the time to write to Mrs. Schultz about it. This would be very helpful to her as she begins her planning for the year ahead.

## BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

By this time the suggested program for this day has been distributed to every church through the state and association chairmen of Spiritual Life. If you have not seen a copy, be sure to ask for one from your association chairman of Spiritual Life.

The program for this year has been prepared by a committee of the European Baptist Women's Union. The theme is: "Now is the Time—Now is the Day."

Friday, December 6, 1957, Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, is a "Day of Prayer." Take much time to *wait* upon God. Do not let the mechanics of the program or *much* speaking defeat your *praying.*"

An offering may be taken for participation by American Baptist women in the work of the North American Baptist Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance and may be sent to the office of the National Council of American Baptist Women, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Make checks payable to the National Council of American Baptist Women.

The next issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN will carry information concerning the World Day of Prayer, which is always observed on the first Friday in Lent.

## KEEP THE CHANNELS CLEAR

To State Chairman:
If you get help from national, **Pass It On!**
To Association Chairman:
If you get plans from state, **Pass Them On!**
To Local Chairman:
If help and plans get through to you, **Pass Them On!**

## HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

*How to Read the Bible,* a new kind of introduction to "the most important book in the world," is written by Richard Hall and Eugene P. Beitler in association with our own Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, one of the best known and most greatly admired men in the American Bible Society world. The authors have made their book a simple and attractive guide to help, comfort, beauty and universal wisdom which lie in the pages of "the most important book in the world." Price, $2.95.

## NATIONAL PRAYER CALLS

"God—let me be aware.
Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,
Just getting somehow safely through the days,
Not even gropping for another hand,
Not even wondering why it all was planned,
Eyes to the ground unseeking for the light,
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight,
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.
God—let me be aware."

—MIRIAM TEICHNER.

**SEPTEMBER** Bible Book: Isaiah 1-39

**NEAR AT HAND . . .**

**Pray** that the Lay Development Program will help the churches in the training of men, women and youth for Christian service.

**Pray** that new leadership may be discovered through interesting all the women members of the church in the Woman's Mission Society.

**OVERLAND . . .**

**Pray** for recruits for home missions. With so many vacancies, especially in Christian Centers, pray that God will lay his hands on young men and young women for a lifetime of missionary service.

**OVERSEAS . . .**

**Pray** that God will guide those participating in the conferences of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies. During this month the mission secretary and a national leader from each of the overseas fields will arrive in New York City. They will be attending administrative meetings of far-reaching significance when programs of work and policies will be determined, all within the relationship of one field to another and to the total overseas task. These leaders and members of staff conducting the conferences will appreciate the prayers of friends that God may guide them in their deliberations for the advancement of the work.

**OCTOBER** Bible Book: Isaiah 40-66

**NEAR AT HAND . . .**

**Pray** that in the Town and Country Convocation at Green Lake, Wisconsin, October 22-24, and in the Urban Convocation in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 29-31, ways may be discovered for larger participation of women in the total life of the church.

**Pray** that through participation in the UNICEF Program, (Trick or Treat) the children in our communities may have a safe and constructive Halloween.

**OVERLAND . . .**

**Pray** for the retired home missionaries who are adjusting themselves to living situations away from their beloved places of work. Theirs has been a glorious service.

**OVERSEAS . . .**

**Pray** for the health of the missionaries. Conditions on the fields are less primitive than in early days but burdens are still heavy and problems complex.

**NOVEMBER** Bible Books: I, II Peter, Jude

**NEAR AT HAND . . .**

**Pray** that as we share with other Christian women in our community in the World Community Day service, Friday, November 1, 1957, we may become more aware and may help more effectively to share in meeting the need of emerging people as they seek Bread, Freedom and Dignity.

**Pray** for the Second Continental Meeting of the North American Women's Union, in Toronto, Canada, November 5-7, under the leadership of its president, Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge.

**OVERLAND . . .**

**Pray** for the volunteer men and women who are speaking in behalf of home missions, that they may carry persuasively the story of the Good News on the fields.

**OVERSEAS . . .**

**Pray** for the strengthening of the overseas churches on all the fields. The World Fellowship Offering day is October 6; the goal is $450,000. The special emphasis for this year is not a single field but "Strengthening the Overseas Churches" on all the fields. The basic budget of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies is dependent upon reaching at least the goal of $450,000. Gifts must go hand-in-hand with prayer.

**DECEMBER** Bible Book: Matthew

**NEAR AT HAND . . .**

**Pray** for those who are away from family circle: service personnel; students.

**Pray** that the birth of Christ may be observed in all the homes represented in our churches, and that a Christian Christmas may bring others to know Christ.

**OVERLAND . . .**

**Pray** for the thousands of service men and women who are away from home this Christmas, that they may witness wherever they may be to their Christian beliefs.

**OVERSEAS . . .**

**Pray** for the new stations among neglected people. Several conventions on the overseas fields are opening new stations among neglected people. Congo and Burma ask for special prayer in their new undertaking.

# To the Chairmen of Family Life

From: Vivian Randle (Mrs. Stacy Randle)
*National Chairman of Family Life*
*Division of Christian Training*
National Council of American Baptist Women
Home Address: 38 Handy Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey

*Dear Chairmen of Family Life:*

Are you interested in bargains? Our fifteen-year-old daughter returned from a shopping expedition the other day with what she considered a most advantageous purchase: a white collar showing the name "Susie" embroidered in red on one corner. She had paid fifteen cents, she told me gleefully, for the collar, which was originally marked one dollar and fifty cents. I agreed with her that, as collars go, it was a very good buy. But there was one hitch: This daughter's name is "Margaret"!

I should like now to tell you about a genuine, honest-to-goodness bargain. For twenty cents, Mr. Joseph J. Hanson, director of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., will send you a "Family Worship Packet," containing the following leaflets:

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| "Worship Materials for Families with Young Children" | 2 cents |
| "Christian Worship in the Family" | 2 cents |
| "Family Worship with Young Children" | 5 cents |
| "Table Blessing Card" | 2 cents |
| "Table Prayers and Singing Graces" | 3 cents |
| "Worship Centers for Home and Church" | 2 cents |
| "Helping Your Child to Pray" (100 for $3.00) | 4 cents |
| "A Prayer for Parents" | 2 cents |
| "Are You Teaching Your Child Religion?" (100 for $1.50) | 3 cents |

Have you totaled the cost of these nine leaflets? If so, you will agree, I am sure, that this is a genuine, honest-to-goodness bargain. The cost of the nine leaflets amounts to twenty-five cents. The cost of the "Family Worship Packet," containing all nine leaflets is being offered by Mr. Hanson for twenty cents!

Please Note: If an order amounts to less than one dollar, we are requested to send amount of order plus postage. On orders for one dollar or over, postage is prepaid; upon receipt of order, we send to Mr. Hanson the amount of the postage.

## THIS YOU CAN DO IN ADULT WORK

This small book, entitled *This You Can Do in Adult Work*, may also be obtained from the Department of Adult Work and Family Life, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa., for fifteen cents. It gives ways in which the chairman of Family Life in the Woman's Society works with the other members of the Committee on Adult Work appointed by the Board of Christian Education in the church. Our position in the smaller church is explained on page five. On page six, our relationship to this committee in the larger church is defined. In either case, a graphic illustration clearly shows our responsibility, as chairmen of Family Life in the Woman's Society, to the church as a whole, and opens up additional opportunities for service.

## THE MINISTRY TO STUDENTS AND SERVICE PERSONNEL

Since the work of counseling students is combined with the ministry to service personnel, it is suggested that the chairman of Christian Family Life in the Woman's Society *assist* the counselor for students and service personnel, particularly as the ministry to service personnel relates to the Woman's Mission Society. If there is no counselor for students in your church, you would, doubtless, want to ask the Board of Christian Education, the pastor or the moderator to secure the appointment of a counselor for students and service personnel.

The key word in the statement of our relationship with the counselor is the word *"assist."* The chairman of Family Life does not *initiate* the work in this important area of our church life; she stands ready to bring to the Woman's Society requests from the counselor for help, and information as to how the work is progressing.

The booklet, "This Is Your Ministry to Students and Service Personnel," twenty-five cents from your state counselor at your state Convention office, lists five responsibilities of the counselor for these young people in the church:

1. To encourage and help young people to obtain an adequate education for life.

2. To assist young people who are away from home —at school or in military service—so that they will have a vital spiritual growth and develop a loyalty to Christ and the church.

3. To gather helpful information about educational opportunities for civilians and for service personnel. This will include facts about different kinds of financial assistance available in the denomination and from secular sources.

4. To create a friendly atmosphere for young people

who may visit the church while studying or training in the community; and to offer a warm welcome to young people of the church when they return home on vacation from school or on furlough from military service.

5. To alert young people who wish to dedicate their lives to a church vocation at home or overseas.

You will readily see the magnitude of the responsibilities of this counselor, and will realize how grateful he or she will be to have your help.

Be sure to read Dr. Robert Torbet's article, "Recruitment Is Your Responsibility," in the June, 1957, issue of *Baptist Leader*.

## LEADING YOUTH INTO CHURCH VOCATIONS

While taking part in a panel discussion at the American Baptist Convention, in Philadelphia, in June 1957, Mrs. Howard G. Colwell, a former president of the American Baptist Convention, was asked the question: "What can the home do to influence young people toward deciding on the Christian ministry or other church vocation as a life work?" Mrs. Colwell gave a three-part answer:

◆ "Table Talk" following the Sunday morning church service.

◆ Personal commitment to God on the part of the father and mother in the home.

◆ A home atmosphere that takes Christian service for granted; where joy instead of surprise is expressed as a young person dedicates himself or herself to a church vocation.

How one family creates this favorable home surroundings is pointed up in *Living Is a Family Affair:* Six Programs on the Christian home. Order your copy from your nearest Baptist bookstore: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash. Price, 50 cents.

## WHY DON'T WE GROW?

At the 1957 American Baptist Convention in the forum centered around the question, "Why don't we grow as a denomination?" the home came in for its share of attention. Two of the five reasons suggested for our failure to thrive numerically relate directly to the home:

1. Lack of spiritual growth.
2. Failure to produce enough Baptist ministers.

What a responsibility is ours, as chairmen of Christian Family Life! We become impatient with what we have accomplished and we are anxious to get on with the job in a more spectacular way. Then it is that we remember that it is the day by day influence of Christian practices that counts, and we are encouraged to renew our efforts in the home toward more spiritual Christian living. We know that ripples so started in the home will spread in ever-widening circles into the church, the community, the nation, and to the ends of the earth!

## THE LOAF OF BREAD

In the winter issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN we talked about worship in the family with the children participating. This is one of the goals of the chairmanship of Christian Family Life. Mrs. Arthur L. Maye of New Jersey sent in this refreshingly different story on worship in the family with the children participating:

"Recently," Mrs. Maye wrote, "my husband and I were invited to dinner in a home in South Jersey. The family consisted of the mother, father, eleven-year-old Sophie and seven-year-old Bill.

"As we sat down to the table, the father looked toward the two children and I think was about to say grace, when Bill remarked, 'Aren't we going to have devotions as we always do?'

"'Yes,' the father replied, 'if you wish.'

"Sophie got up from the table and came back with the hymn book. Sitting down again, she started singing. The whole family, and the guests, joined her. The children were perfectly at ease, and sang as if they really enjoyed it.

"After the hymn, Bill reached for what he called the 'loaf of bread.' This was a small box in which were cards bearing Scripture verses. The box was passed around the table and each of us chose 'a slice of bread' from the loaf. In turn, we read the verses and then waited to see what would happen.

"Soon Bill asked a question about one of the verses that had been read and Sophie explained it as she understood it. Then we added our own personal opinions of what the selection meant to us.

"After a prayer of thanks for the food and God's goodness to us, we proceeded to enjoy a delicious meal in a calm, pleasant atmosphere.

"The whole procedure was unhurried, giving us the feeling that here was a family in which worship was not stale and 'the same old thing' but something fresh and new every day.

"I could not help contrasting this experience with others in which I had participated. Sometimes the children have said, 'Let's have devotions after we eat because the food is getting cold.' Other times one member was in a hurry to meet an appointment or make a phone call, and so the devotions were eliminated.

"It is no wonder the family physician is so busy, giving prescriptions for ulcers and nervous upsets. We have the great privilege of taking time to be holy, of speaking often with our Lord; yet we do not avail ourselves of the opportunity. We are missing one of the greatest blessings of living in a family—that of praying together."

## WILL YOU BE A CONTRIBUTOR?

One of the basic tools needed in our job is the *Goals* sheet which sets forth in definite terms the opportunities of the various officers and chairmen to carry on the work of the church. As you reread the goals for the chairman of Family Life, and think of an original or unique way of accepting one of these important emphases, please pass it on to the rest of us.

# To the Chairmen of Leadership Training

From: Violet Spaulding (Mrs. Schuyler Y. Spaulding)
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*Division of Christian Training*
National Council of American Baptist Women
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***Greetings to the Chairmen of Leadership Training!***

To the chairmen of Leadership Training who are continuing in this important work my gratitude for your achievement during the year 1956-1957! I regret that it was not possible to thank you—who attended the conference in Philadelphia—personally, for it was necessary to clear our meeting room immediately and our leave was taken with disconcerting speed.

We, chairmen of Leadership Training, go forward with high hopes into the tasks for 1957-1958, building on past experience and profiting by mistakes and failures. We welcome the challenge and opportunities of this year with the privilege of serving. Do you, as chairmen, all understand thoroughly your duties and responsibilities? A few are emphasized here.

## WHAT ARE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES?

To organize and vigorously promote an efficient program for the training of leadership, based on the best available techniques used by Baptist women; and to help prospective leaders develop a deeper sense of responsibility for the work of their church and the world outreach program of the American Baptist Convention.

To accomplish this—our fundamental purpose—there must be a chairman of Leadership Training in each society.

## HOW DO WE WORK?

We, chairmen of Leadership Training, working in cooperation with the president of the society, must familiarize ourselves with the total program and watch for opportunities to help.

At the beginning of the program year it is very important to hold a *training or refresher meeting* of the board of managers of the local, association and state societies to orient both new and continuing board members in their areas of work. The president of the society and the chairman of Leadership Training can be of great assistance at this point. Board members will thus be helped to a better understanding of the constitution for their society, the over-all purpose of their program, and the relationship of the work of each member to the whole structure. During such training and refresher sessions the vice-president of each division should meet with her chairmen to discuss their duties and goals of the year. Reports of the previous year should be studied, both to consider gain in achievement and to determine where weaknesses may have occurred. Such meetings are of inestimable value. Exchange of ideas, discussion of goals, and evaluation of accomplishments inspire and stimulate us to more efficient and energetic action. We also gain more information regarding the purposes and skills of group work. The May, 1957, issue of the *International Journal of Religious Education* deals with "Christian Growth in Dynamic Groups." Order from the Office of Publication and Distribution, National Council of the Churches, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Single copy, 40 cents.

We, chairmen of Leadership Training, should guide our societies into organizing in accordance with the pattern of the National Council of American Baptist Women—not that we desire regimentation but because we know that reasonable uniformity makes for a more efficient and better understanding of our world-wide Christian goals.

We must see that each officer and chairman recognizes the requirements of her duties and fully understands her responsibilities, keeps a workbook, and is furnished with our literature: *Constitution, Leader's Guide, Goals, Annual Report* from the *Annual Report Book*, "Literature Highlights," *You Can Be a Leader*, The American Baptist Woman, and clippings from *Missions*. All of these items were especially prepared to help officers and chairmen to carry on their specific tasks efficiently.

## AN AGENDA

Do we all realize the importance of following a clear-cut agenda in conducting our meetings? Today's women are too busy to give time as members of committees or to attend meetings whose chairman does not achieve *action* in the least possible time.

Be sure to stress at your training session the need to prepare for all meetings an agenda which shall be followed closely at all times.

## THE NEED FOR LEADERS IS ACUTE

According to our national president's report for 1956-1957, there are 440,830 women members of our American Baptist churches. But only 185,166 of the 440,830 women are active members of our Woman's Baptist Mission Societies. Therefore there remains 255,664 women who are inactive, as well as an unknown number of unchurched women. What a challenge to leadership is this vast amount of available talent!

What potential abilities for the advancement of the Kingdom of God!

## WHAT CONSTITUTES LEADERSHIP?

We have come to realize that to carry on Christian work efficiently it is necessary to apply modern techniques. That indeed is good. But even with a maximum of knowledge, of familiarity with parliamentary procedures, of skill and techniques, a leader never becomes a good leader unless in addition to these assets she possesses sensitivity toward the people with whom she comes in contact. A leader must make the effort to know, and to understand people, if she is to influence and help them. She must, by the very sincerity of her interest, win their confidence and friendship.

The leader must formulate in her own mind very definite objectives toward which, with her encouragement and guidance, all may work. Problems are bound to arise when people are closely associated in any enterprise. It is the leader who must listen quietly and learn to analyze objectively situations and personal motives and then to coordinate all factors and help with a solution.

The leader must help individuals in groups easily to find opportunities to participate fully. Such participation makes for personal development and for the benefit of the entire group.

Leadership requires the widening of one's own horizons and helping, with enthusiasm, to expand the vision of others. The leader asks these questions: What potential abilities does this person have? What can be accomplished by cooperation with others?

The real leader evaluates success in terms of growth of individuals in confidence, initiative, and group consciousness. Her own enthusiasm will be a great factor in bringing this about.

The strong leader is self-effacing. She takes for her example Christ himself, the greatest leader of all. She guides unobstrusively; she tries not to dominate.

## OUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE BOARD

Every member of the board of managers is charged with the responsibility of interpreting accurately, positively, and enthusiastically the purpose and program of the society and the decisions of the board. Her understanding must be all-inclusive of the interrelation of the work of the far-reaching organization of American Baptist women and of each group with all other groups. There must be no element of "stop-gap" in our work. It must be an effective part of a great whole.

## PUBLICATIONS OF OTHERS

It is important, too, that we should know not only what the Baptists are doing, but also to keep informed on the thought and achievement of other Christian denominations. When attending interdenominational conferences and selecting materials that will be helpful in our area of Leadership Training, if you are the only representative from your society pick up such literature as will be of interest to your fellow board members.

Often, too, articles appearing in publications such as Parents' magazine and Scout publications, and in secular periodicals and business and industrial house organs, afford valuable material.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING IN PROGRAM PLANNING

The board of managers of the National Council of American Baptist Women has designated 1957-1958 as a year of *leadership training in the field of program planning*. It is an emphasis vital to every active church woman, for who of us at some time is not asked to plan or to help present a program? Every person responsible for a program in her society or circle should make an effort to attend.

The *state chairman of Leadership Training* will call together a committee to arrange for the day or period of training for the association chairmen.

The *state chairman of Program* will preside at these sessions, assisted by the chairman of Leadership Training, where techniques are involved.

Association chairmen will, in turn, plan the training period for local chairmen and their program committees.

Local chairmen will on request, in turn, plan a period of training for circle chairmen.

The schedule suggested in the guide which the state and association chairmen have received should be studied carefully and adapted to local situations as required. *For clarity of direction it is important to attach to each "Program Guide" a copy of the supplementary explanatory letter which has been prepared.*

## LAY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mrs. Roach, our national president, has suggested for officers and chairmen the following workshops in the Lay Development Program of our denomination:

For the President . . .
"A Pattern for a Baptist Church"

For the chairman of Spiritual Life . . .
"The People and Their Pastor"

For the chairman of Program . . .
"The Music Program of the Local Church"

For the chairman of Christian Social Relations . .
"Community Witness"

For the chairman of Publicity . . .
"Communications"

Encourage all church members to elect the subject in which they are most interested. The Lay Development Program is for all church members, not just today's leaders for who knows who will be tomorrow's leaders.

## ANALYZING OURSELVES

Let all of us who hold office analyze ourselves as we set forth in this year 1957-1958! Do we fulfill the needs of our board with outgoing, well-informed, esthusiastic, creative and truly consecrated leadership in Christian service?

# To the Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women

From: JENNIE WILLIS (right)
Introducing: GOLDA MORFORD (left)
*National Vice-President of Business and Professional Women*
*Division of Business and Professional Women*
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 239 Eason Avenue, Highland Park, Michigan

***Greetings to all Vice-Presidents of Business and Professional Women!***

As you read our pages in THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, you will be making plans for your fall programs as a part of the Woman's Baptist Mission Society, and as I write for our pages I have just returned from the American Baptist Convention in Philadelphia where I have been inspired and encouraged by the accomplishments of our Convention.

## AWAITING WORD FROM YOU

In the last issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN I stated that it would be interesting to know how many employed women were reading our pages and suggested that you send me a postal card with any ideas you might have which would be helpful to all of us. I appreciate all the replies that I did receive and I believe that many more of you will be sending your suggestions that others may benefit.

## TO NEW VICE-PRESIDENTS

My heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all the new vice-presidents of Business and Professional Women!

I assume that you have received from the retiring officer her workbook and files and any other materials which pertain to the office of the vice-president of Business and Professional Women. This is very important in order to hold the continuity of our program and to keep the program moving.

## DO YOU KNOW THE ANSWER?

In the annual reports, submitted by the local vice-presidents of Business and Professional Women, a question was included asking the number of employed women in each church and the number active in a circle or in the Woman's Society. One association in Illinois received a list of over five hundred women!

How many names of employed women can you think of who are *not* active in any phase of women's work in your church? Refer to pages 5 and 6 of this issue for information regarding the program for interesting inactive women in our work.

## A SUGGESTION FROM ILLINOIS

We are indebted to **Miss Imogene Smith,** vice-president of Illinois Business and Professional Women, for the following suggestions for organizing a new group:

1. Compile a complete list of employed women in the church.

2. Present a copy of this list to the President of the local Woman's Society.

3. Ask the women of the Woman's Society to plan either a Saturday luncheon or an evening meeting to which each person on the list is invited.

a. At such a meeting present a well-planned and unique program, covering the total Woman's Society program. Have each officer and chairman present her phase of the work.

4. Have each guest fill out a registration card similar to the following:

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NAME .....

ADDRESS .....

TELEPHONE ..... OCCUPATION .....

Are you interested in participating as a Business and Professional Woman in the Woman's Society?

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Why not try a meeting as suggested by Miss Smith?

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE

On March 23, 1957, the *Second* Regional Conference of American Baptist Business and Professional Women was held in Galesburg, Illinois, under the excellent leadership and planning of Miss Imogene Smith, Vice-president of Business and Professional Women for Illinois. Miss Minerva Parker, state vice-president of Business and Professional Women for Michigan, was recording secretary. The following excerpts are taken from Miss Parker's very complete report of the day:

"Four-minute summaries of the group conferences were exceptionally interesting. Whatever else may be forgotten, we'll long associate the word 'enthusiasm' with Galesburg! One of the Illinois women said,

'We came to find out about Business and Professional Women's work and we have learned much today!' Others said, 'We have attended several state and national conferences and we, too, feel that we have learned much about opportunities for business and professional women as they participate in the total program of the Woman's Society.'"

◆ Some of the matters discussed in the local group, as reported by Miss Parker, were:

1. Percentage of employed women to total membership of church.

2. Members of business and professional women active in other church work.

3. Potential members: newcomers to the church; newcomers to the community, with no other church affiliation.

4. Enlistment of members in activities of circle.

5. Relationship of Business and Professional Women's group to Woman's Society, when no circles.

6. Relationship of Business and Professional Women's circle to circle co-ordinator.

7. Vice-president of Business and Professional Women's group—or chairman of Business and Professional Women's circle—serves on board of Woman's Society as vice-president of Business and Professional Women.

8. Division of large groups into several groups.

9. Groups for young mothers.

10. Retired or Partially retired members.

a. Opportunity to attend afternoon circles or remain with Business and Professional Women's group.

b. Possibility of acting as representative to board meetings for Business and Professional Women's group or circle.

11. Adjustments to meet needs of individual groups.

◆ Some of the matters discussed in the association group were:

1. Use of workbooks.

2. Stress the need for a vice-president of Business and Professional Women for each local society.

3. Plan spring rallies for afternoon and evening, rather than an all day meeting.

4. Use Interpreters and Speakers.

5. Request participation by Business and Professional Women in monthly meeting of the Woman's Society.

6. Plan picnic suppers during the summer months.

7. Decide upon an association project.

8. Pay for a delegate to Green Lake National Women's Conference.

◆ The group which consisted of state vice-presidents of Business and Professional Women discussed their problems. A major problem of this group was the failure to receive replies to communications from the association vice-presidents of Business and Professional Women.

Discussion regarding how to eliminate bottlenecks—caused by failure of recipient and forward materials as requested—resulted in the following suggestions:

1. Send communications, in some cases, directly to individual churches.

2. Ask the nominating committees to select for state, association and local vice-presidents of business and professional women only those women who are interested in the work and will carry on conscientiously. Suggest also that the nominating committee include in its membership an experienced business or professional woman interested in promoting the work of this division.

3. Indicate to your association vice-presidents of business and professional women your desire to meet with her—and also with individual groups—to discuss the program of the division.

## GATHERING FACTS

Several months ago a questionnaire was sent by the state vice-presidents of Business and Professional Women to the association vice-presidents of Business and Professional Women. The purpose of this questionnaire was to gather facts so that we might learn the greatest needs of this division, and later publish a leaflet helpful to the officers, especially the association officers. If you have not already returned your questionnaire, please do so at once.

## FACTS

The annual reports for 1956-1957 revealed many interesting facts:

- Circle dinner meetings attract increased attendance.
- Saturday luncheons have appeal.
- Local societies should appoint a vice-president of Business and Professional Women—whether or not there is now a group—who would work with association vice-president with the hope of forming a circle of employed women who are inactive in church work.

## AND NOW

Due to a change in employment, it became necessary for me to resign, on May 29, 1957, as National Vice-president of Business and Professional Women at the beginning of the fourth year of my term of office. These past three years, as vice-president of Business and Professional Women for the National Council of American Baptist Women, have been outstanding highlights in my life. I shall always cherish the friendships which I have made. My interest will continue in this division and my prayers for its work.

It is with pleasure and confidence that I present to you **Miss Golda Morford**, who was elected at the annual meeting on May 29, as my successor. Miss Morford is a teacher in the public school system of Detroit, Michigan. She has been vice-president of Business and Professional Women in the Detroit Association, and has made an outstanding contribution to the work of our division within the association. I know you will join your prayers with mine for Miss Morford and will give her your full support and cooperation.

# To the Fellowship Guild Counselors

From: MARION MANOGG (Mrs. Robert Manogg)
*National Fellowship Guild Counselor*
National Council of American Baptist Women
HOME ADDRESS: 13121 Wales, Huntington Woods, Michigan

*Hello!*

This is my first opportunity to greet many of you who have recently become Fellowship Guild Counselors and to say "Hello," again, to those of you who have been reading this column since its beginning.

By the time you receive this issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN, the Convention held in Philadelphia will be only a memory. I wish all of you might have been at the conference held on Woman's Day when about seventy-five of us met in the rear of that huge auditorium to discuss our work. Despite the fact that our spot in the rear of that huge auditorium left much to be desired, many Fellowship Guild Counselors have told me that they received help and inspiration from our conference. Mrs. David Raycroft presented the new materials and made some suggestions as to their uses. While a discussion and question period was not feasible during our conference, I did, however, have opportunity to chat with some of our Fellowship Guild Counselors, while on duty at the booth of the National Council of American Baptist Women. It was a good convention. I was glad to be there, and glad that so many Fellowship Guild Counselors were also present. My wish was that all Fellowship Guild Counselors—state, association, local—might have been with us.

## A LOSS

**Mrs. David Raycroft,** who was serving as the Interim Fellowship Guild Director, terminated her services with us on May 2, 1957. Mrs. Raycroft followed through on the plans made by the National Guild Commission and the Guild Counselors at Green Lake last summer and saw the 1957-1958 Program Kits completed, also the Requirements for Membership, the Degree of the Rose, the re-enrollment cards, the revised cards for enrollment of new chapters, and many other things related to the Christian World Outreach program of the Baptist Youth Fellowship.

We express our deepest appreciation to Mrs. Raycroft for all that she did for Guild. We know that her great love for girls—and Guild—will keep her in close contact with us always.

## A GAIN

We are to have for the first time a Fellowship Guild Interne: **Miss Marjorie Wilson,** of Detroit, Michigan. Miss Wilson was graduated from the Baptist Institute in Philadelphia in May, 1957. Miss Wilson brings to us a rich background in Guild work. She was active in her local chapter, in state and national house parties, and she did much to promote Guild while at the Baptist Institute in Philadelphia.

Miss Wilson assumed her duties as Fellowship Guild Interne immediately following the Convention. She will be glad to hear from you. Possibly she may get into your area to help establish new Guild chapters during the year. Address Miss Wilson at 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

## 1957-1958 PROGRAM KITS

The Ann Judson and the Sallie Peck Program Kits for 1957-1958 are ready. If you have not yet secured your kits be sure to order them from your nearest Baptist bookstore[1] or from the Baptist Youth Fellowship office, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Price, 60 cents, each.

Be sure to add these 1957-1958 kits to your 1956-1957 kits in your notebook. We are anxious to hear whether these programs fit your needs. Remember, too, we shall welcome suggestions for future programs.

## "THE HOWS AND WHYS OF GUILD"

This little leaflet "The Hows and Whys of Guild" may be ordered, free of charge, from the office of the Baptist Youth Fellowship. In fact, you may have this leaflet in quantity. If you have newly assumed the sponsorship of a Guild chapter and the work is completely unfamiliar to you, you will certainly want this leaflet.

With your request for "The Hows and Whys of Guild," send eighty cents for a copy of *Guild Guide*. *Guild Guide* contains the history of Guild, background information, the relationship of Guild to the Woman's Society and to the Baptist Youth Fellowship. There is information for organization and also for other questions for which you may need answers.

Study *Guild Guide*—the *revised* 1956 edition—carefully before you get the girls together. When ready to organize, order from your state Fellowship Guild Counselor the free information packet. This packet contains samples of the materials that are available.

[1] Baptist Bookstores: 1701 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa.; 168 West Monroe Street, Chicago 3, Ill.; 352 South Spring Street, Los Angeles 13, Calif.; 2001 Fifth Avenue, Seattle 1, Wash.

*Only one packet, please, to a chapter.* Call upon your association Guild Counselor; she will be ready to help you.

## CORRECTION, PLEASE!

"My Responsibility as Fellowship Guild Chairman of the Baptist Youth Fellowship" was listed in the first issue of THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN as free material. The leaflet sells for five cents. Every girl who is chairman of her chapter should have a copy. If the former chairman did not pass her copy on to the new chairman, then another copy should be ordered.

## BLUE CARDS

During the month of April you should have received a blue "Application for Re-enrollment" card which was to be filled out by each local counselor and returned immediately to the state Fellowship Guild Counselor. Upon the following through on this procedure depends your receiving "Guild Goals" for 1957-1958, "Spotlight on Special Interest Mission Fields," and other notes of interest. If you have more than one chapter in your church, you should have received one card for each chapter. Follow through with your state Fellowship Guild Counselor if you did not receive the blue card, or sufficient cards. This is most important.

For some time we have known that Guild chapters change, but we have had no notice of the change. Ann Judson chapters become Sallie Peck; Sallie Peck chapters become Alma Noble. Often chapters disband and we are not informed. In order to have a record—as accurate as possible—we are asking that a new card be made out *each spring* and sent to your state counselor. The names of the Guild chairman and counselor on the card will keep files up-to-date. Where there are two counselors for a chapter, it is suggested that the second name and address be listed on the back of the card.

## WHITE CARDS

If your chapter was not in existence last year, 1956-1957, then be sure that you use the *white* enrollment card entitled "Application for Enrollment," included in your "Information Packet."

Mail your *white* card to Miss Marjorie Wilson, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. In return, a "Certificate of Enrollment" and a letter of welcome will reach you. Miss Wilson will notify your state Guild Counselor that your chapter has been formed, and shortly you will hear from your state Guild Counselor.

## 1956-1957 ANNUAL REPORTS

As local counselors you doubtless would like to know how large an organization Guild is and how your chapter fits into the pattern. It will be of interest to know the annual reports which came to me from 33 states show 1279 chapters with a total membership of 14,668.

- Programs on the four emphases of Guild interests were reported as follows:

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| Personality Development | 1853 |
| Skills and Vocations | 1213 |
| Christian Home | 1441 |
| Missionary World Outreach | 2338 |

- The Guild Love Gift offering amounted to $6308.29.
- White Cross quotas were filled by 830 chapters; $3150.98 was spent for materials and postage.
- Twenty state house parties were held.
- The National Program of Degrees has been started by 181 chapters.

Reports are interesting but figures are not the whole story. What is important is that about 20,000 girls (not all chapters reported) are probably being influenced by the Guild program and are developing into fine Christian women, who are taking their places in the life of the church and the community.

How great is our task and how far-reaching our opportunity as Fellowship Guild Counselors!

## GUILD PRAYER TOWER

While this is not the final report regarding the Prayer Tower at Green Lake, it will bring you up-to-date. Approximately fifteen hundred dollars has been contributed to this project. The furniture is of black wrought iron, with cushions for chairs and the kneeling benches in a deep pink. Matchstick draperies will hang from the window corners. The finished room will be beautiful with an atmosphere of peace, where many young people will go for a time apart for prayer and meditation and an opportunity to be "Alone with God."

## WHITE CROSS NEWS

- Read carefully with your chairman of White Cross all directions which you received with your quotas.
- Help her plan what must be done.
- Decide how the materials are to be purchased.
- Mail Christmas materials in plenty of time.
- Plan to obtain the thirty-five cents per pound for shipping overseas.
- Contact immediately the person who sent you the quota, should it be too large or not large enough.
- Be sure the chairman brings all necessary tools to the meeting.
- Use work time to tell about the missionaries for whom you are working.
- Secure Pen Sketches for foreign missionaries from the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies, 152 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y., and for home missionaries from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, 164 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. Price, 3 cents, each.
- Check completed quotas to make sure all directions have been followed.
- Include *nothing* extra for overseas shipment.
- Plan a display and dedication of your completed quota before mailing.
- Use "Discards with Love," a White Cross play in your new Program Kits.
- Help the girls to give of their best to this work.

## To the Recording Secretaries

From: Zeta Thayer (Mrs. Dean H. Thayer)

*National Recording Secretary*

National Council of American Baptist Women

Home Address: Route 1, Box 680, Mesa, Arizona

### *Greetings, Secretaries!*

Since we share this space in The American Baptist Woman with the Town and Country Committee, we can visit only in alternate issues of our publication. It, therefore, seems a long time since I introduced myself to you, my counterparts, in this job of keeping the minutes of the Woman's Baptist Mission Societies.

How do you like this idea of a national publication, through which national officers and chairmen go directly into the homes—and workbooks—of Baptist leaders in local, association and state societies? Personally, I am very happy about it. Already some of you have written me concerning your problems, and it has given me the opportunity and the privilege to help you in holding your workshops for secretaries at house parties.

### KEEP IT SIMPLE

"Keep it simple" seems to be the rule for secretaries. It might be helpful to include here the accepted form of "The Order of Business" for a business meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call. Sometimes omitted, taken silently and reported that a quorum is present.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Reports of the officers.
   a. President
   b. First Vice-President
   c. Vice-President of Missions
   d. Vice-President of Christian Service
   e. Vice-President of Christian Training
   f. Vice-President of Business and Professional Women
   g. Fellowship Guild Counselor
5. Standing committee reports.
6. Special committee reports.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Postponed business
9. New business
   (the program)
10. Adjournment

(Cut along this line)

## To the Treasurers

From: Edith Mount (Mrs. Ira C. Mount)

*National Treasurer*

National Council of American Baptist Women

Home Address: 80-84 233rd Street, Queens Village 27, New York

### *Greetings, Treasurers!*

### WE TREASURERS MUST HAVE SENSE!

**A sense of responsibility.**

Treasurers' records must be absolutely accurate: methods and procedures, simple but businesslike; reports, concise and clear.

For the first time this past year, local, association and state treasurers were asked to fill in report blanks. The results were amazingly revealing. Approximately one-third of our societies reported having *no* treasurer. The question was simple: "Does your society have a treasurer?" We tried to figure out the situation in our treasurers' conference on Woman's Day in Philadelphia. The best conclusion to which we could come was that some societies are included in the church unified budget, therefore needed no treasurer. But even those figures did not compare in any way with the column asking how many societies were so included.

**A sense of stewardship.**

The funds which come to the treasurer are the Lord's money. A treasurer should have a deep conviction about the value of the work and a willingness to spend time and energy far beyond the call of duty in order to serve with joy and enthusiasm.

No treasurer should have complete control as to the disbursement of funds. Many local societies, far too many associations and even a state or two, report not having a budget. Every society should have a finance committee whose duty is to prepare a budget. If the society is small, then the treasurer should prepare a budget for the consideration of the executive committee so that it may be carefully studied and presented for adoption to the entire society. By going over the records for the immediately preceding years, a very good estimate can be made of the disbursements contemplated for the year ahead, taking into consideration, of course, anticipated increases in cost of materials, labor, and living. A budget, too, will ease situations for the treasurer where projects—not too pertinent to our Baptist work—creep into the society's outlay. While these projects may well be worthy, they are frequently cared for by service organizations in our communities. Our first allegiance is to our own Baptist work.

**A sense of humor and imagination.**

The treasurer is the link between the work and the donors. She must have a sense of humor and imagination when she tries to explain those seemingly inexcusable errors, and she must always remember that a "soft answer" will get better results than impatience.

No one needs to be conscious of this sense of humor and imagination more than your present national treasurer. In trying to learn where the average woman's society received its income—after the legitimate sources were listed in our reports—a line calling for "other" sources was included. Hundreds of societies checked this item, which means only one thing. We still are engaged in money-making activities in the name of the Christian church. Will those who are still having "bake-sales," bazaars, selling vanilla, dish-cloths, "dolly-does-its" and so forth, keep an account for one year of what you personally spent on such items? You will probably find that you could pledge that amount to your society, develop a real sense of stewardship within yourself, and have time for the many worthwhile projects which call for your energy. You will feel a lot better, I am sure, when you see a display of little girl's dresses that are going to fill a need at Mather School than you will over a similar display to be sold at a church bazaar.

Are you aware of how our pastors despair over the money-raising activities into which women put so much time and effort? Women do not need to raise the money to buy the new coffee urn, the church carpet or pay for the painting. The trustees know how to put on an eight-step every member canvass—or they can readily find out—and then the entire church membership will get under the load, not just a few women. Let us not try to take the trustees' work out of their hands!

Yes, I need my sense of humor when this subject is under discussion for I feel so keenly about it, but my imagination races far ahead when women's activities are directed into the proper channels.

**A sense of values that inspires confidence.**

A treasurer is trusted not only with money, but also with intimate knowledge of financial and personal problems of the members. This information must be held in strict confidence.

In addition to knowing the funds, the treasurer should know the program of our women's work in its wide outreach over the world, at home and abroad. Donors want to know "where their money goes" and the treasurer can give that information and help interpret the program to the members. Some of them will turn to her for help when deciding on the amount to give. The treasurer's attitude toward an increase in the amount we give will have weight. She can point out that the cost of maintaining our program has increased many fold, just as household costs have increased.

How we use the "sense" with which we have been endowed will determine how our work will progress this year.

## HELPFUL HINTS

◆ The name of the maker of the motion should be stated but the name of the seconder need not be included unless the organization so desires.

◆ Remember, the minutes are a *record* of what is *done* and not of what is *said*.

## PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE FOR SECRETARIES

What a pleasure it was to me in Philadelphia, on Woman's Day, to find eleven secretaries with whom I could enjoy my box lunch and hold an informal conference! There were three state, two association, and six local society recording secretaries present. And we had some visitors, too! We introduced ourselves and then discussed the following:

1. Should a secretary know stenography? It was believed to be a real asset in the association, state or national areas, although not absolutely necessary in a local society.

2. What should the minutes contain? It was pointed out that it is better to avoid too much detail.

3. Should the secretary distribute annual reports? Mimeographed excerpts from annual reports for the distribution, especially in large associations or state societies, it was thought, would be helpful.

4. Are both recording and corresponding secretaries necessary? Not as a rule. Even nationally, the recording secretary handles much correspondence.

5. How much help may a secretary be to the president? All agreed that she was the president's "right hand man."

6. How much of a speaker's message should go into the records? Name of speaker and title of address is sufficient.

7. What part of the devotional period should be placed in the minutes? The name of the person leading the period and reading the scripture is sufficient.

8. What should be done with old records? There was general feeling for keeping old records for future reference. A suggestion that state convention offices might provide a place to file them—State records only—met with enthusiasm.

9. Where should old minute books be filed? The churches might provide a place to keep old minutes. In the local society the minutes of the retiring secretary should be given to the new secretary with her workbook.

10. The use of workbooks were advised for secretaries, as for any other officer or chairman and should be passed on to their successors.

11. A sample copy of minutes sent in by the state recording secretary of New Jersey was circulated and questions were asked concerning content and style.

12. Does your society subscribe to THE AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMAN? Are you receiving your page? These were the final questions and they revealed the need for additional subscriptions in our societies.